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Name	Organization	Type of Organization	Comment
William David Kebschull	Taxpayer	Individual	<p>In the spring of 1994, I realized that IRS instructions included state income tax refunds in the phase-out calculations for Schedule A deductions. This did not seem right. My suspicions were confirmed by a law review article by Professor Matthew J. Barret, "Determining the Individual's Federal Income Tax Liability When the Tax Benefit Rule Applies: A Fifty-Year Checkup Brings a New Prescription for Calculating Gross, Adjusted Gross, and Taxable Incomes" that was published in Brigham Young University Law Review 1 (1994). The list of deductions, exemptions, exclusions, eligibilites, and credits subject to AGI and modified AGI has grown significantly since 1994 and as a consequence taxpayers have been swindled out of hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Interestingly, IRS instructions have excluded tax refunds that provided a tax benefit in a prior year when the regular tax was paid from alternative minimum taxable income and as a consequence, neither the income nor the refund related to a overpayment is taxed directly. If the sequence is reversed, so that overpayment is in a year the AMT is paid and the refund is received in a year the regular tax is paid, the income used for the tax overpayment will be taxed at the AMT rate and the refund of the overpayment will taxed at the regular tax rate. The "double or nothing taxation"</p>

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produced by IRS instructions as described above is simply insane. It also violates sections 111(a) and 56(b)(1)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code. IRS officials have found it just a little too inconvenient to answer the following questions:

Question 1 How would the instruction for line 8 on Form 6251 (2008) change if section 56(b)(1)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code were amended to read as follows? (D) Treatment of certain recoveries (i) No recovery of any tax to which paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of section 164(a) applied shall be included in gross income for purposes of determining alternative minimum taxable income. (ii) Clause (i) shall not apply to any amount allowable in computing adjusted gross income. (NOTE: TO BE CLEAR, I AM NOT SUGGESTING IN ANY WAY THAT SECTION 56(B)(1)(D) BE AMENDED. I AM SIMPLY ASKING A QUESTION.)

Question 2 Now precisely, in determining taxable Social Security benefits, what is it about the language in section 111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code that allows IRS to issue instructions that can result in the gross income attributable to an itemized deduction recovery exceeding the amount of the recovery by up to 85 percent? I have proposed a change in the Internal Revenue Code that may be useful in ending the swindles and frauds that IRS is so determined to perpetuate. The issues and the proposal are contained in my statement, " A Proposed Deterrent to Internal Revenue Service Frauds and Swindles Related to IRS's

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Matthew M. Miller	Financial Executives International	Association	<p>Interpretation of Sections 56(b)(1)(D) and 111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code". Submitted by: William David Kebschull 216 Goucher Way Churchville, Maryland 21028</p> <p>We are writing on behalf of the Committee on Taxation of Financial Executives International ("FEI") in response to the Tax Reform Subcommittee of the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board's (PERAB) request for ideas and opinions on tax reform. FEI appreciates the opportunity to express our views regarding the principles that should guide corporate tax reform.</p> <p>Regards, Matt M. Miller Senior Director, Government Affairs Financial Executives International</p>
Business Roundtable	Business Roundtable	Association	Please see attached comments submitted on behalf of Business Roundtable.
Marie Lee	TechAmerica	Non-profit Organization	Please see attached comments on tax reform
Monica McGuire	R&D Credit Coalition	Non-profit Organization	<p>On behalf of the R&amp;D Credit Coalition, an informal policy group that has existed for longer than a decade advocating a strengthened, permanent federal R&amp;D tax credit, submits a statement to the Tax Reform Subcommittee of PERAB.</p> <p>Submitted by Monica McGuire, National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), who serves as the Executive Secretary of the R&amp;D Credit Coalition.</p>
Daryl Hatano	Semiconductor Industry Association	Association	The Semiconductor Industry Association, representing America's second largest exporting industry, is pleased to submit the attached comments to the President's Economic

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			Recovery Advisory Board's Tax Reform Subcommittee.
Kathy Hamor	The Savings Coalition of America	Non-profit Organization	Our comments are included in the attached file
Carla J. Finis	none	Individual	In brief, I am submitting a personal income tax code proposal incorporating a universal deduction (same deduction for all) representing the approximate cost of living with taking into account geographical differences and tax brackets based on multiples of that function. I outline the code and possible exceptions, additional energy consumption surcharge, and add some notes regarding corporate compensation taxation and relevant deductions in a 2-page 1386-word pdf file. Thank you.
Robert S. McIntyre	Citizens for Tax Justice	Non-profit Organization	Suggested Principles for Tax Reform Citizens for Tax Justice, October 15, 2009 We want a fairer, simpler tax code that raises enough money to pay for public services and promotes economic prosperity for all Americans. Our current tax system falls far short of achieving these goals. On the revenue side, even after the current recession ends, we can expect to be funding about a quarter of all non-Social Security spending with borrowed money (including amounts borrowed from the Social Security trust fund). This fiscal profligacy, which sends our bills to future generations and endangers both public services and the private economy, must stop. As for simplicity and fairness, well, both parties have been guilty of using the tax code to promote a vast array of favored activities. One

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code to promote a vast array of favored activities. One result is that taxpayers with similar incomes can be treated wildly differently depending on how they make their money or how they spend it. Another problem is that many, albeit not all, tax breaks tend to undermine the progressivity of our tax system. And, of course, tax filing is far too difficult for far too many taxpayers.     ^! In fact, our current tax system allows many of our biggest and most profitable corporations to pay little or no tax. It taxes investment income at less than half the rate workers pay. And it tolerates rampant upper-income tax sheltering. Many, if not most of these loopholes hurt our economy by misdirecting business activities into tax-favored areas at the expense of more productive pursuits. So what should we do about this? If you asked most Americans whatâ€™s wrong with the tax system, theyâ€™d say that itâ€™s unfair and complicated because it has too many loopholes for wealthy people and corporations. Most Americans are right.     ^! We should end the hundreds of billions of dollars a year in unjustified corporate and upper-income tax dodges, and tax people and corporations on what they really make, not on some figment of their accountantsâ€™ imaginations. ^! Graduated tax rates are essential to protect the poor and middle class and ensure that top earners pay a decent share to support the country that makes their prosperity possible.     ^! We must reject crackpot schemes such as the so-called â€œflat taxâ€ and â€œnational sales taxâ€

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Teresa Guerard

None

Individual

There's no need to look far... the fair tax has already been created by knowledgeable economists with no political agenda, and it's already in the House and Senate, who don't you just examine it, and if you do a fair, un-politically-biased study, you will find it will solve many of our current economic problems and as a side benefit, make whoever passes it, hugely popular.

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Theodore Seto	Loyola Law School Los Angeles	Non-profit Organization	Amend Code sec. 132(d) to limit the "working condition fringe" exclusion with respect to the following four categories of what would otherwise be working condition fringes: travel, meals, lodging, entertainment. Start by limiting the exclusion to, say, \$100,000 per employee (for an employee who's on the road 200 days per year, that's \$500 per day). Each employer would need to report the amount of special category working condition fringes excluded, so as to prevent circumvention by having multiple employers provide apparently excludible working condition fringes to a single person. The purpose would be to limit the conversion of nondeductible/includible consumption expenses to deductible/excludible business expenses by highly compensated executives and/or owners. My suspicion is that most of Rubert Murdoch's living expenses are paid for by his businesses on an excludible basis, using Code sec. 132(d). The cap would have the collateral benefit of eliminating tax subsidies for private jet travel; executives requiring private jet travel would have to arrange for a gross-up to pay the relevant taxes. An exemption would be necessary for special category working condition fringes provided by the U.S. government to deal with problems created by its application to the military, President, etc.
Philip West	Step toe & Johnson LLP	Business	Please see attached letter from TD Bank.

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Julie Koschik	Julie Koschik CPA	Individual	See attached
Ms. Jade West	The LIFO Coalition	Association	Please see our attachment.
Walter Welsh	ACLI, AALU, GAMA, NAILBA, and NAIFA	Business	On behalf of the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting (AALU), American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI), GAMA International, National Association of Independent Life Brokerage Agencies (NAILBA), and National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA), we are pleased to submit the attached document for review by the Subcommittee on Tax Reform.
ted	none	Individual	true reform and change would be to go to the 'Fair Tax'
Philip J. Peacock	ExaTech Solutions, Inc.	Business	The entire federal budget can be funded by a single tax -- a gross receipts tax of 8.5% on all businesses. All other taxes can be eliminated: payroll taxes (employer and employee parts), personal income taxes, capital gains taxes, excise taxes, import taxes, gift taxes, inheritance taxes, etc. Businesses Gross \$33 Trillion dollars per year, while individual gross incomes are only about \$8 Trillion per year. The large personal income tax rates combined with large payroll taxes don't even fund the existing budget, resulting in deficits most years. A much smaller gross receipts tax on businesses funds the entire federal budget with a surplus in most years, rather than a deficit. The attached document lays out the details. This plan meets all of the PERAB 's constraints: NOT a New

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			<p>Tax System: Still taxing business, just on the top line rather than the bottom line. All other taxes are eliminated, so the old system is greatly simplified. Consider ideas on tax simplification: It can't get much simpler than a single tax with practically no loopholes. Better enforcement of tax law: The IRS would have only a single focus under this plan -- ensure all businesses report revenue correctly and honestly. Reforming corporate taxes: Removes any motivation to play tax games since the tax liability is the same regardless of profitability or compensation of owners. Do not consider options that involve raising taxes on families making less than \$250,000 per year: This plan eliminates all personal income taxes.</p>
Eli J. Dicker	Tax Executives Institute	Non-profit Organization	Statement of Tax Executives Institute on Guideposts for Tax Reform
David Witt	Feltrup & Co	Individual	I am a CPA who works at a small accounting firm in Ohio. Call me if you have any questions about what I wrote. David Witt
Fred B. Brown	University of Baltimore School of Law	Non-profit Organization	The attached document contains a proposal to make certain changes to the like kind and involuntary conversion rules. The views expressed are solely those of the author.
Fred B. Brown	University of Baltimore School of Law	Non-profit Organization	The attached document contains a recommendation that serious consideration be given to repealing the rules contained in section 897(c) of the Internal Revenue Code for taxing a foreign person on dispositions of stock in U.S. real property holding corporations (â€œUSRPHCsâ€).

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Fred B. Brown	University of Baltimore School of Law	Non-profit Organization	The attached document contains a proposal to tax U.S. branches of foreign corporations as separate entities for U.S. income tax purposes. The views expressed are solely those of the author.
Emanuele D'Arrigo	None	Individual	Please find the proposal in the PDF attached. Only -four-pages! => Thank you for the opportunity! Best wishes to the PERAB! Sincerely, Emanuele D'Arrigo
David A. Lifson, CPA	NY State Society of Certified Public Accountants	Non-profit Organization	The attached submission about the SET Tax Proposal is for the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board.
Albert Gavalis	Albert Gavalis	Individual	See MS Word Attachment
Ron Lanton	H. D. Smith	Business	Good Afternoon! My name is Ron Lanton and represent H. D. Smith. Founded in 1954 and headquartered in Springfield, Illinois, H. D. Smith is the fourth largest national pharmaceutical wholesaler. I have attached our comments regarding tax reform while primarily addressing the debate of LIFO repeal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 217-467-8239 or at rlanton@hdsmith.com. Best Regards, Ron Lanton III, JD
Richard S. Kinyon	Morrison & Foerster LLP	Business	Attached are my recommendations for reformation of the tax laws, focused primarily on individual income, estate and gift taxes. These recommendations, entitled "Toward A More Rational Tax Policy," are my personal views based on over 44 years of practice, specializing in tax, estate

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planning, and estate and trust administration, and as an active participant in certain tax and estate planning committees of the American Bar Association (ABA) and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). They do not necessarily reflect the views of my law firm, other lawyers in my law firm, the ABA or ACTEC. I am pleased to be able to submit these ideas to the Tax Reform Subcommittee, and I would be happy to discuss them further with subcommittee and/or staff members and provide further details regarding my proposals and the reasons I feel they are appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.

Frederick W. Smith    FedEx Corporation    Business

See attached three-page pdf letter.

Jay Starkman, CPA    Jay Starkman, PC    Business

Simplifying the income tax law is rather easy. Convert it from a mass tax back into a class tax, as it was prior to the 1940s. About 130 million individual income tax returns are filed annually and raise almost \$800 billion of income tax. Roughly 89 million tax filers in low tax brackets pay \$72 billion in tax. That's everyone making \$35,000 or less if single and \$60,000 or less if married. The other 41 million returns raise \$725 billion. See "Tax Simplification: Just Get Rid of 89 Million Unnecessary Returns," at [www.starkman.com/articles/89mil.html](http://www.starkman.com/articles/89mil.html). Michael Graetz has proposed dropping 100 million unnecessary returns by replacing the regular income tax with the alternative minimum income tax. The U.S. doesn't need a complex

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minimum income tax. The U.S. doesn't need a complex system to collect the \$72 billion raised from the 68 percent of tax returns filed by people with relatively modest incomes. In the past, low- and middle-income taxpayers were subject to consumption taxes (in the form of tariffs) rather than income tax. The conversion of income tax from a class tax to a mass tax occurred during World War II. As a compromise to avoid passage of a national sales tax, the Roosevelt Administration reduced the personal exemption so that half the population would be subject to income tax. That was 70 years ago. Today, 70 percent of the population is subject to income tax. It's time to reconsider whether we need everyone to participate in this annual tax filing ritual and do away with it. That \$72 billion could be collected in much simpler ways. An income taxpayer population only one-third the present size would allow IRS to work much more effectively. Its computer modernization program would become more manageable. And the Internal Revenue Code could be vastly simplified because it wouldn't be concerned with fairness for moderate income taxpayers no longer subject to income tax. President Obama would need the steel of Andrew Jackson to pass this important reform to free two-thirds of the population from the burdens of filing annual income tax returns. He would face opposition from Congress which doesn't want to lose influence over the finances of 68 percent of the public. Tax preparers will complain that the present system works

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Neil Putz

None - Individual

Individual

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Todd Dosmann	None	Individual	Fair Tax now!
Jim Kappler	Community Metrics, LLC	Business	<p>Dear PERAB, The way to fix our tax system is quite straight forward. Adopt Taxpayer Choice and view the Taxpayer as Funding Source of Last Resort.</p> <p><a href="http://paycheckeconomics.wordpress.com/2009/09/27/schematic-diagrams-showing-how-to-balance-the-budget-with-taxpayer-choice/">http://paycheckeconomics.wordpress.com/2009/09/27/schematic-diagrams-showing-how-to-balance-the-budget-with-taxpayer-choice/</a> In my blog, you will find two analyses that show a starting set of numbers to lower the unemployment rates by 1% in Michigan (50,000 jobs) and South Carolina (20,000) jobs. This is from the production and sale of goods and services. Since the numbers are figured on a per capita basis, this can be apply nationally, resulting in the creation of 1.5 million jobs.</p> <p><a href="http://paycheckeconomics.wordpress.com/">http://paycheckeconomics.wordpress.com/</a> Thank you for your time and consideration. Jim Kappler Anderson, SC</p>
Robert Godwin	Centruy Homes	Business	<p>Fiddling with the 160,000 page tax code and calling it reform, is counter productive and insults the intelligence of the American public. I spent 9 months working through the taxes of our corporations and my personal return. The only truly revolutionary tax proposal that will generate more revenues, yet lower the burden on tax payes is the FAIRTAX.</p>
John Coussoule	Personal	Individual	<p>Tax reform requires a bold new direction. It is time for the "Fair Tax" as proposed in HR-25 and introduced by Congressman John Linder.</p>
Ketron Brown	American Citizen	Individual	<p>Take all steps necessary to implement the Fair Tax. It's time to start thinking outside of the box and use innovative</p>

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			time to start thinking outside of the box and use innovative new programs that will promote the economic growth of our nation.
Terence Dwyer	Me	Individual	<p>Please pass on my compliments to Professor Feldstein (one of my former professors at Harvard) and let me remind him of his article that taxes on land values are better than neutral. In the meantime, I draw the Board's attention to the diplomatic disruption being caused by the aggression of the IRS towards foreign countries and enclose a copy of a demarche from His Grace, the Duke of Grand Fenwick which may have escaped notice. As Adam Smith, John Stuart Mill, Henry George and many others have recognized there only 3 factors of production you may tax - land, labour or capital. Only one does not stop breeding or working or does not flee or shrivel up in response to a tax. The US Internal Revenue Service and other G20 tax authorities do not have to become some sort of international tax Gestapo to collect ample revenues from the lands they sit upon. With best wishes Your sincerely Terry Dwyer</p>
Daniel Froelich	None - Student	Individual	<p>I am currently a student at Waynesburg University in Pennsylvania. I would like to see tax reform for students that receive reimbursement from their employers to go back to school. After a student uses the \$5,250 allowed by law they are taxed on the remainder as if it is additional income. Most students will spend well over that allotment in one semester. I think the goal should be to encourage</p>

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			people to get educated. Those lucky few of us that do receive tuition reimbursement are thankful however we still have to pay approximately 1/3 of that tuition after taxes. This year alone I will pay close to \$10,000 in tuition that was considered "taxable income." I do not have financial aid so I have to pay that money myself. There are new programs that help with reimbursement for books purchased. That is a step in the right direction. The next step should be tuition reimbursement taxation reform. Thank You
Alison Curtiss	private citizen	Individual	In order to fund approved and proposed government programs, the tax code must capture the underground economy, illegal immigrants, tax evaders, and imports. The current code must be replaced with a system that will not burden the future generations unjustly. HR1025 / S-296, The FairTax Act, will: Declare permanent amnesty on overseas investments so they will come here to work, pouring billions into our economy, without burdening the next generation. Untax all wages, and the employers that pay them Give permanent relief to the poor, without the "class warfare" politics Tax the illegal immigrants who take from our citizens without supporting our country Do so much more that I cannot cover here, but you can find it at <a href="http://www.fairtax.org">www.fairtax.org</a> . Read the plain English version, it is only 36 pages. Educate yourself and your colleagues. Please do not ignore the reform that makes sense. Sincerely, See attachment. Thank you!
Robert D Flach	Taxpro Services	Business	

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Corporation			
Ron Meier	Individual	Individual	<p>I would suggest that you adopt the Fairtax proposal. I live in Omaha, NE and have attended several meetings, and will be hosting one next month myself. The response has been enthusiastic, to say the least. HR25 and S1025 have been submitted in both the House and the Senate, so a lot of the work has already been done. I have been doing a lot of studying because I don't want to represent something that has a lot of flaws in it. The best source of information is their website, <a href="http://www.fairtax.org">www.fairtax.org</a>, and for me the most helpful section was Frequently Asked Questions. When you click on a question, a short video gives you the answer in layman's language. Plan to spend the better part of an hour - there is a lot of information here. My opinion, and the opinion of everyone who attends these meetings, is that the current system is now used for political reasons; to punish or reward targetted entities, and we want to replace the mess that is now our tax system with one that is fair. A flat tax would not work because it would still be based on income which in effect punishes those who work harder to become successful. And, it would still be vulnerable to manipulation for political purposes. Adding a Value Added Tax to our current system would be adding insult to injury and create a backlash of biblical proportions. Fairtax would protect the poor, because a "prebate" would pay the taxes on the spending of everyone up to the poverty level.</p>

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Kristin Burnley	N/A	Individual	<p>taxes on the spending of everyone up to the poverty level. Since this is a consumption tax, the rich would pay more because they would purchase more, and the poor would pay less because they buy less. Since all the revenue needed by the government would come from the Fairtax, all the other taxes would be repealed. This would increase every paycheck in America by the amount that had previously been deducted for income and payroll taxes. Without a tax burden, businesses would be better situated to compete in world markets and would not have to leave the United States to find a favorable environment. Under Fairtax, undeclared income would not be lost revenue. Even drug dealers, illegal immigrants and criminals would be paying their share. I could go on, but all this is covered very well on the Fairtax.org website. The leg work has already been done on this one. From what I have experienced here in Nebraska, you would have a hard time explaining to the people why you would NOT adopt this plan. My recommendation for tax reform is TO PASS THE FAIR TAX!! Wouldn't that be something if an extremely liberal president introduced and passed it! Mr. Obama would never be forgotten.</p>
			<p>Pass the Fair tax. This will be the first step towards actually stimulating the economy. Thank you</p>
			<p>You must consider the Fair Tax. It is the only form of taxation that is fair to all and will generate more revenues. Thank you for your consideration</p>

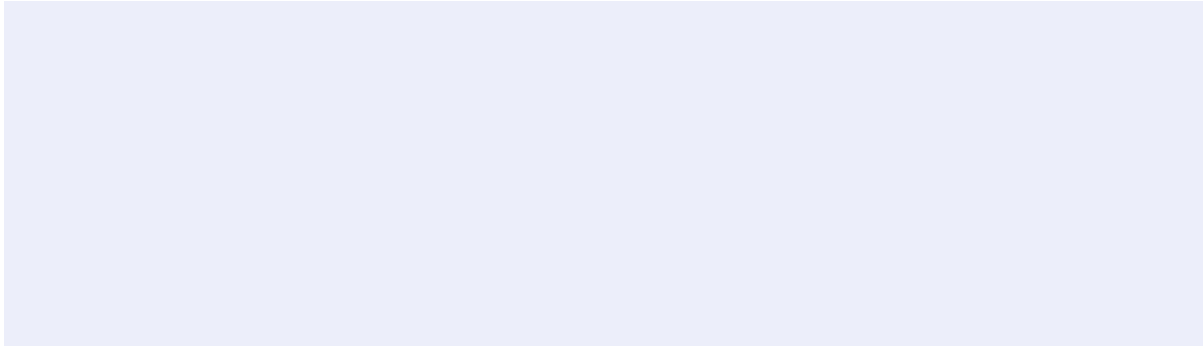
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Jim O'Brien	Fair Tax	Non-profit Organization	The Fair Tax, which would eliminate the federal income tax and the IRS, is the way to go. The Fair Tax would result in an unprecedented economic boom. It taxes consumption, not production. It encourages savings and investment. It gives "prebates" to everyone, which levels the playing field for those with lower income. Even tourists visiting the U.S. would help pay our taxes. Loopholes would be impossible. See <a href="http://www.fairtax.org">www.fairtax.org</a> for more information.
Scott Barnes	individual	Individual	The main mandates of the PERAB is to consider ideas on the following: 1. Tax Simplification 2. Better Enforcement of Tax Law 3. Reforming Corporate Taxes A system that addresses these issues along with protecting lower income earners; reducing the complexity of tax accounting and formularies; and collects taxes from non-regulated and criminal activities would be the start of a well suited solution. Another key to creating a better tax system is the removal of the ability to manipulate the tax system. A more ideal tax system is only more ideal as long as it is not manipulated. As history shows the manipulation of our current revenue code is big business and fraught with less than desirable results. I highly suggest looking at the rapid endorsement and enactment of the Fair Tax. The Fair Tax goes much further than any other alternate tax revenue solution. It does not dictate or even describe spending, it only addresses how national taxes are obtained. I believe the enactment of the Fair Tax is the best solution for many reasons. One of the more immediate advantages of the

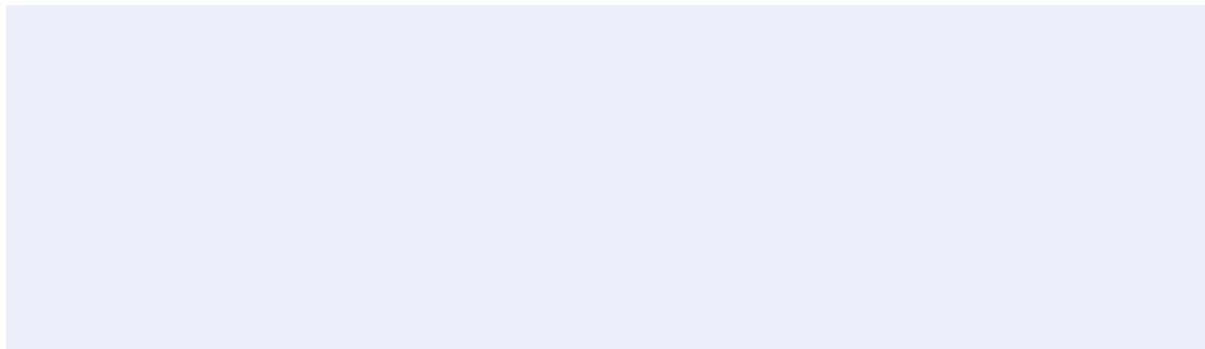
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Wendy Hu	US Citizen	Individual	<p>Fair Tax is the likely creation of jobs. This is something America needs very much. I also believe enacting the Fair Tax will finally create tax revenue from those less savory elements in our society.</p> <p>The Fair Tax is the only viable tax reform solution. Tell the president to start listening to the people. He works for us.</p>
Jon Hu	Citizen of the USA	Individual	Enact the Fair Tax. Problem solved.
Becky Brown	The Information Factory	Business	<p>Any effort to reform our tax code must consider the Fair Tax... the most thoroughly researched tax plan that has ever been proposed. The Fair Tax is simple, revenue neutral, and FAIR. Those who are living at or below the poverty line would pay nothing. It would save billions of dollars in compliance and encourage businesses to stay/open in this country (more jobs). We need to get this done!</p>
Sharon Taylor	Waynesburg University Student /Economics Class	Individual	<p>Stop Double Taxing Social Security. You pay federal Income Tax on the 6.2% Social Security tax that's taken out of your paycheck. When you start receiving Social Security Benefits, up to 85% of that money can be taxed again. Retirees at a very low income level don't have to pay this double tax but those who are further up the retirement-age income scale get socked with it on anywhere from 50% to 85% of their benefits.</p>
Reno Fabii	None	Individual	<p>Step 1. Read the Fair Tax by Neal Boortz and John Linder</p> <p>Step 2 Pass the Fair Tax</p> <p>Step 3 Watch the economy take off.</p>

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Robert Strier	Self-Employed	Individual	Would you consider the "Fair Tax" ?
Sheldon Ackman	Fair Tax Organization	Non-profit Organization	It's time to consider starting over again. The tax laws in this country have gotten way out of hand. They are unfair and as usual favor corporations and the rich. Moreover getting rid of the IRS will only bring some 3 TRILLION dollars back into out economy.
Juan A Castro	n/a	Individual	Tax reform.. nothing has worked. well lets say I am a baby boomer, I believe that my social security will not be there for me.. shall i go on with the post office the school systems. Hey I worked for the school system before and quite. I was told I was doing too much work and to spend all my budget so we could get more the next year.. Lets look at the Fair TAX. I read the book. it 's a great idea. and it WILL work.. DO IT FOR THE PEOPLE.....
Jack DeTate	None	Individual	Banks, Hedge Funds and Financial companies holding mortgage derivatives should pay a fee per share to cover foreclosed property maintenance. This money would be given to counties based on foreclosure property rate and cost of maintenance
Michael Williams	North American Equipment Dealers Association	Association	Please accept the attached document as our comments for consideration by PERAB concerning tax policy options. Thank you.
Shan Richards	Individual	Individual	I am an attorney/CPA and have volunteered for several tax seasons with VITA, the IRS program providing free tax preparation for low-income taxpayers. The complexity required to comply with self-reporting of wages and other earnings is daunting for the elderly, the disabled, and the

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earnings is daunting for the elderly, the disabled, and the poorly educated taxpayers who constitute the majority of my VITA clients. I rarely see any taxpayer with income that is not reported on either a W-2 or 1099 form. Why doesn't the IRS simply send these taxpayers a pre-completed tax form, with instructions to correct any errors, add any missing information, and otherwise account for any changes in filing status or dependents from the prior year's tax return? Compliance would increase and errors would decline.

Richard Tauro

individual

Individual

FLAT INCOME TAX with very few deductions ( including a "general living allowance" deduction). The few allowable deductions should include: - charity donations - medical expenses - education expenses - energy conservation credits - other taxes (e.g., State taxes paid in previous tax year) - mortgage interest (this deduction should be gradually phased-out) The GENERAL LIVING DEDUCTION should be based on number of exemptions of tax filer (so, as in the present system, the general living deduction would be greater for a family-of-four than for a family-of-three). A rough figure for a family-of-four general living deduction for TY2010 might be ~\$40,000. (That is, income up to \$40,000 would be federal income tax-free.) The general living deduction could be adjusted yearly depending on inflation and other economic conditions. ALL INCOME should be taxed at SAME FLAT RATE (e.g., capital gains taxed at same rate as wages). IN-KIND

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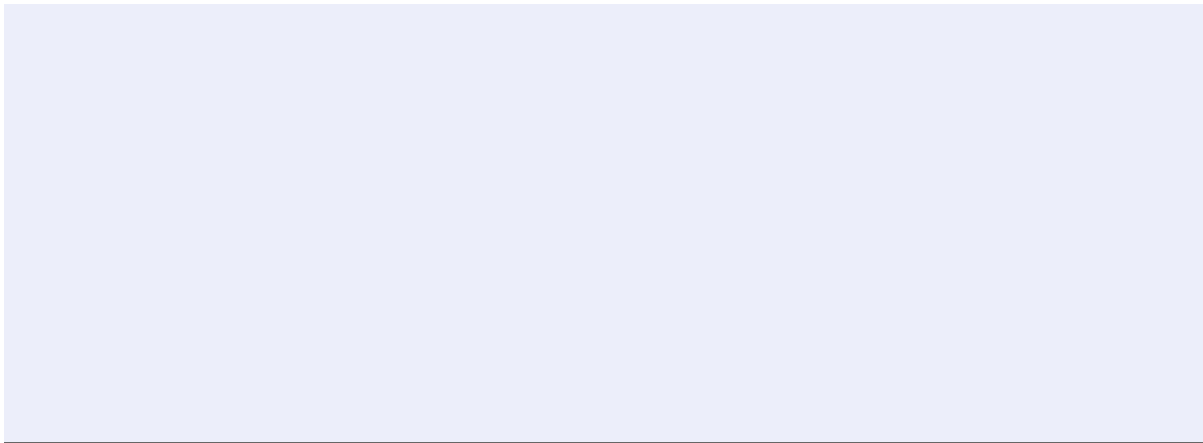
INCOME such as health insurance should be monetized and taxed at the flat tax rate. The "in-kind" income tax should be phased-in. As in-kind income is included in the tax base, overall income taxes should be correspondingly reduced (either by lowering the flat tax rate, increasing the general living deduction, or some combination of both). Increase allowable yearly CAPITAL LOSSES from current \$3000/year to \$7500/year. BUSINESS FLAT TAX RATE should be slightly higher than personal flat tax rate. Eliminate all special targeted business tax deductions. (All business investments should be treated equally.) Implement FASTER DEPRECIATION SCHEDULES for business investments. A NATIONAL SALES and/or other CONSUMPTION and/or USE taxes should be phased-in. In the long-term (10-20 years, say), the tax code should transition to a more consumption-based model. As sales/consumption/use taxes are phased-in, income taxes should be correspondingly reduced (either by lowering the flat tax rate, increasing the general living deduction, or some combination of both). Substantial ENERGY taxes should be phased-in starting in five years. Energy taxes might include carbon-emissions tax, fossil fuel import taxes, road taxes, and BTU taxes. Note: along with increase in energy taxes should be an end to green/clean energy subsidies. The "cap-and-trade" tax should be eliminated. As energy taxes increase, there should be a corresponding reduction in income taxes. INHERITANCE

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			<p>taxes over a given amount (say, \$1,000,000) should also be taxed at the same flat tax rate. To avoid disruption of inherited "fixed" assets such as ongoing business or family farm, taxpayers should be allowed to amortize the inheritance tax over time (say, 10-15 years). The amortized payment schedule can be in monthly, quarterly or yearly installments and carry interest. The interest rate may be fixed or variable (there could be yearly and/or life-of-loan caps on variable rate increases as with mortgage rates). A federal "inheritance tax lien" could be placed on inherited asset until tax is paid off.</p> <p><b>PAYROLL TAXES</b> should be capped at \$100,000 per employee per year for the employer contribution, and \$200,000 per year for the employee contribution.</p>
Brian Macker	None	Individual	<p>Allow working class families to immediately deduct wage income against capital gains losses. Currently they can only deduct \$3000 per year.</p>
Anissa M. Shear	Andyrsco & Associates, Inc.	Business	<p>As a CPA with clients in the middle class and many with small businesses, the current tax regulations tax every dollar they make while they see the tax breaks, i.e. business credits, special tax rates for capital gains, protect every dollar the top 10% of the Corporation and Individuals make. It is very difficult to get my clients to understand that the tax breaks they hear about do not apply to them for various reasons. Can't we strip away all the tax credits for business - yes all of them, and reduce the corporate tax rate? Fair tax reporting for all - large, small, and everyone</p>

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in the middle. Tax breaks are clearly designed for special interests industries of the congressmen. The American wanting to start a business soon realizes that the tax burden outweighs the benefits of being a business owner and goes back to work for someone else. I blame the tax code for its unfair regulations. Corporations looking to relocate to the US would be more interested if we had a simplified Corporate Income Tax that treated every industry the same in regards to taxes. Individual tax regulations are clearly unfair to the frugal taxpayer living within or below their income level. Taxpayers in large mortgages are paying less taxes. That is a fact. The tax code appears to reward those living beyond their means. I have several clients who made much more than I, but paid much less simply because they have large homes with large real estate/property taxes and large interest deductions for the year. How is that fair? Why should I be subsidizing these taxpayers? Everyone gets a standard deduction based upon filing status. No itemized deductions for anyone. No one donates to charities for the tax deduction. Get rid of the Earned Income Tax Credit now. Why should anyone get back more than what they paid in? Give all they paid in back, but do not give them a welfare check from the taxes I am paying in. I am frustrated that many individuals living on the government dime are given an additional hand out just for going to work. I work, never been unemployed or on the government dime, yet I get no reward for working and

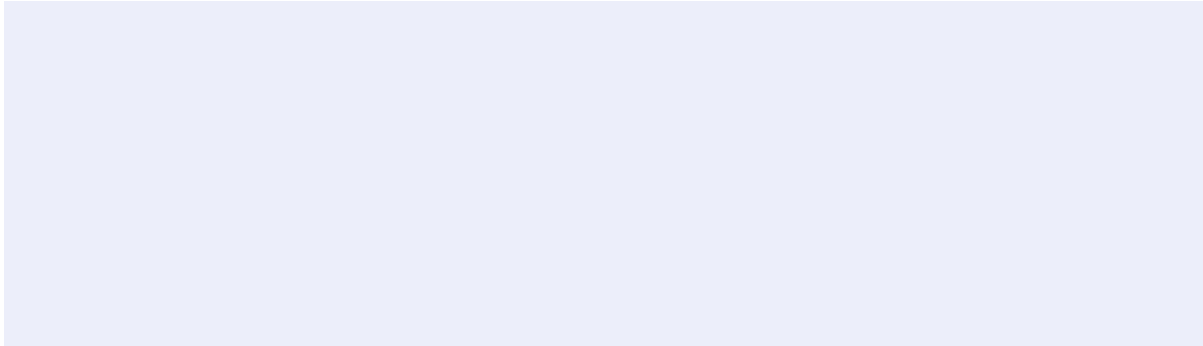
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			<p>paying taxes. How is that fair? In conclusion, over the last 10+ years working in public accounting, I am really sick over seeing the tax regulations in place completely rob the middle class taxpayer, business and individual. Every president since I graduated high school has spoken about simplifying the tax code. I have only seen the complete opposite. Are you really interested in making it better or is this just lip service?</p>
David M	n/a	Individual	<p>Remove the corporate income tax and replace it by removing the favorable rates on capital gains and qualified dividends. This would help curb the exodus of corporations from the US because our corporate rates are so high. For anyone to enjoy the benefits of the profits they have to be distributed first...and that's when the taxation occurs.</p>
Adie Shimandle	fair tax	Non-profit Organization	<p>Those of us working cannot continue to carry the tax burden for everyone else. We need to move to a consumption tax. You can exempt food, medicine and housing; everything else gets taxed. The current fair tax is too high. Use an effective tax rate of 16% since most families don't pay more than that anyhow</p>
Ken Heller	National Small Business Association	Association	<p>Replace the current system with a national sales tax of, for example, 23%. Use the existing sales tax collection systems of the States for implementation. The size of the IRS should be dramatically reduced providing savings. Business and individuals should see savings. Previous proposals have dealt with many of the issues that need to be addressed with this change. This change would provide</p>

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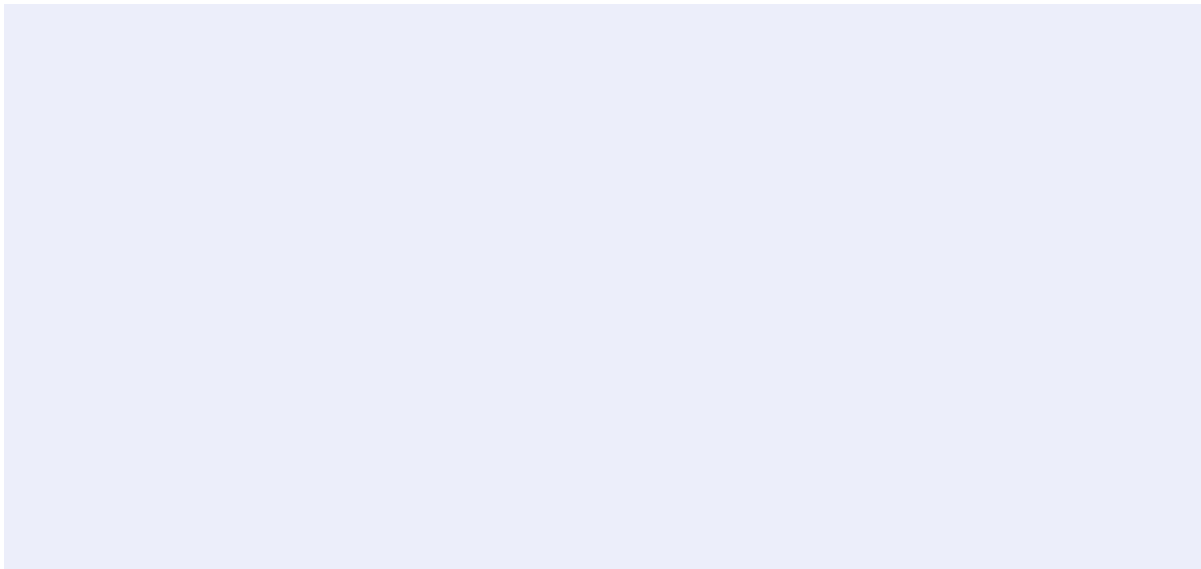


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			significant additional tax revenues from those presently in cash only businesses who will now have to pay tax on what they buy, not their reported income. The issue of barter will need to be addressed. I am not sure of the impact this change will have on lobbying and accounting. However, it should increase the savings rate. This type of proposal just makes sense.
Prof. William Barker	Penn state Law School	Non-profit Organization	Tax Reform in the (Inter) National Interest: Why Wait? 124 (8) Tax Notes 828 (August 24, 2009), is an article that I wrote setting out a plan to reform the international tax system by substituting an expenditure tax (broad-base consumption or cash flow tax) for the income tax on corporations and businesses. I appreciate this opportunity to contribute to your work on tax reform. Yours, Bill Barker
Leslie Wilson	Wilson & Associates Architects, Inc.	Business	I am in favor of the Fair Tax. It is a much superior tax to the VAT system used in Europe and to our current extremely complicated tax system. Here are some of the reasons: This tax is based on the amount you spend, not on what you make and it is a flat percentage that applies to all new goods purchased. The tax eliminates the highly regressive payroll tax, which hurts the poor and middle class the most. It is not a regressive tax, because all people would get a rebate each month that would cover the sales tax on all of the necessities of life, (food, etc.) based on the amount a family at the federal poverty level would pay. Therefore, the poor would end up paying no sales tax. It would help more fully fund social security and medicare, because

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people that currently pay no FICA taxes would end up helping to pay the tax. Some examples would be visitors to the US, drug dealers and other underground operations that would now have to pay tax on everything they buy, etc. and currently pay no income tax. It could be considered "green" because it taxes new goods, but not used goods, therefore encouraging people to buy used. This also makes home ownership more affordable since currently 3 out of 4 homes purchased are used. It would help stop the flow of jobs being exported, because businesses would not be taxed. A product or service is only taxed when it gets sold. Our current tax policy favors imports over exports by exempting imports from US tax. Yet we allow foreign countries to tax our goods when they get exported to their shores. This would also encourage companies to come back to our shores, since their corporate taxes would be eliminated. This would help our unemployment situation. By the way, the taxes corporations currently pay are ultimately passed on to the consumer, so if they aren't having to pay these taxes, the costs of goods will go down, which would also spur our economy. It rewards education and upward mobility by eliminating tax on tuition and the more you make the more you get to keep. It taxes what you spend, not what you make. The 23% Fair Tax is revenue neutral and raises the same amount of revenue currently collected, so steep budget cuts would not be needed. Over 20 million dollars was spent to get leading

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Chris

Individual

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Sirs The best tax reform would be to eliminate the income tax and go with the "Fair Tax" sponsored by John Linder from GA. This is the only truly progressive tax idea there is. People would be taxed by the amount of money they spend. There would be a so called prebate so lower income people would not have to pay the tax on there daily needs. If you truly want to reform taxes and empower the people this is the best solution. Chris

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Nancy Wrick	Student	Individual	I am currently in a macroeconomics class at Waynesburg University in Southwest Pennsylvania and in my last class we had a discussion about how it seems people are taxed on things more than once. For example, a person gets a paycheck and taxes are taken out, that person goes and buys lumber, to say, build a deck on their home, they have to pay taxes on those materials. Then, because the value of their home increases they now have to pay higher taxes on their property. I would like to ask you to keep in mind, that as a hard working lower-middle class American, I already feel a heavy burden from taxes.
Steve Looney	Tax Attorney	Business	Any income tax increases should be targeted at the truly wealthy, those making amounts in excess of \$1,000,000. There are far too many households that are living paycheck to paycheck having incomes in the \$250,000-\$500,000 that are certainly not wealthy by any means (and that have no accumulated wealth or net worth), that truly fall within the hard-working middle class and upper middle class of our society. To target these individuals, often the owners of small and mid-sized businesses, the lifeblood of the American economy, would have disastrous consequences. It's the Wall Street types and executives of the large publicly-held corporations receiving tens and hundreds of millions of dollars in compensation that should be taxed. With regard to social security taxes, it is important to focus on the intent of those taxes, which was to impose taxes on wages and earnings, not on ALL income, and again, the

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Rebecca Holland	None	Individual	<p>focus should be on the truly wealthy individuals making in excess of \$1,000,000.</p> <p>The Fair Tax plan is the only plan that will benefit everyone. Will finally put limits on what the government can spend and will eliminate all of the fraud in government.</p>
David Lockwood	Strategy Management, Inc.	Business	<p>Post-Keynesian Obama. I start from the premise that the national debt is the mortgage on America. We, both collectively and individually, must learn to live within our means, pay off our debts, and save. The mortgage on America will take a mortgage-like amount of time to pay off - 40-50 years. We who have accumulated these debts must begin to reverse the load on our descendants, although they too will have to carry that load for many years. Let's start at the macro level. We have a \$14 trillion GDP and need about 25% of it - approx. \$3.5 trillion to pay the federal government's annual expenditures. However, if the objective is the eventual elimination of the debt, we must run a surplus regularly. Revisions to the tax structure are too rare and too difficult to adjust for economic cycles. My proposal involves an initial progressive tax structure that adjusts to revenue/expenditure realities. Tax rates would increase when we run a \$200+ billion deficit and decrease when we run a \$200+ billion surplus. This structure greatly reduces the need to beg Congress for tax law changes. The low income Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) should remain and a 15% rate would be the entry tax for slightly higher</p>

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incomes. For middle income and above, rates of 25%, 30%, 35%, and 40% are instituted. (Initially, only taxpayers over \$250,000 would see increased rates. In the President's second term, the sacrifices may need to include lower incomes.) If in the first year after enactment, a deficit of over \$200 billion is experienced, the tax rate for the highest incomes would increase to 41%. The other rates would stay the same. If the deficit remains for a second year, the top rate would increase to 42% and the 35% rate would increase to 36%. A third consecutive year would effect the top three rates and a fourth would effect all four. The top rate after 10 consecutive years of \$200+ billion deficits would cap at 50%. At that point, the initial 25-30-35-40% rates would have moved to 32-38-44-50% and would remain there. However, these growing rates would attract greater budget scrutiny from the tax-paying public who would write their Congressmen and ask why we are spending millions on this and why we are spending billions on that. Pork would be reduced and fiscal discipline might actually become the watchword. The rich would have incentives to restore surpluses as opposed to creating loopholes. When fiscal responsibility is restored, the tax rates would decline for every year the surplus was at least \$200 billion. The floor would be 25%. All marginal income would be treated equally. A dollar is a dollar is a dollar. It doesn't matter how you earned it. In the global competitions of the future, efficiency and profitability will

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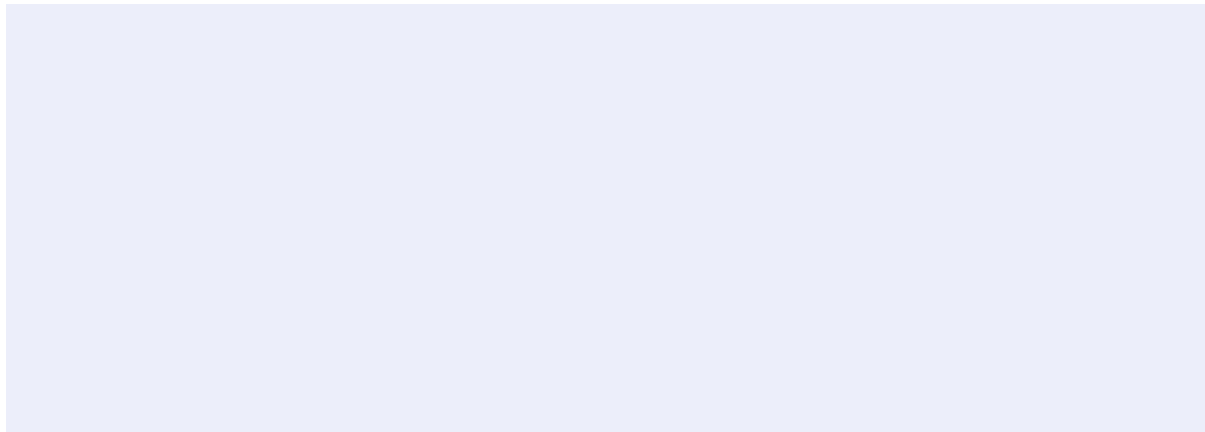




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			have more weight than a bloated military and an unusable nuclear arsenal. If we do not get our fiscal house in order, we will allow the owners of our debts - China, Germany, Japan, for example - levers over our independence. That exposure diminishes our horizons. I heard Steny Hoyer say that, "Taxes are the dues of democracy." If we spend too much or tax too little, we risk putting that democracy at risk of declining living standards, burgeoning debt service, and the loss of American leadership in the world.
Les Elias	None	Individual	I suggest that you lower marginal tax rates, proven to increase revenue. This was JFK's strategy.
Brent Strickland	Yale University	Business	I am a graduate student at Yale in the psychology department. As a grad student, I don't pay tuition, but I live off of a meager student stipend. I can barely afford to pay for rent plus food. Yet I have to pay about 1,200 dollars in taxes on my stipend. There should be tax relief for graduate students in the sciences. Having that extra 100\$ per month would make a massive difference in our quality of life. Graduate student stipends were not taxed until Reagan, and I can't understand why we are being taxed on what is essentially "survival" money.
Victor E. Gray	Retired Federal Employee	Individual	I suggest a return to allowing savers to exempt interest on bank and credit union deposits from Federal Income Taxes. It used to be the first \$400 of interest was exempt. Implement the Presidents promise to exempt senior couples older than 65 with incomes less than \$50,000 from filing and paying Federal Income Taxes. Allow 100%

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medical cost deductions including all insurance premiums without requiring a percentage of income threshold to be overcome or the need to fill out an itemized deduction schedule A. Eliminate the business exemptions for paying taxes overseas. Businesses based outside the CONUS should pay full taxes on all income produced in this country. Eliminate all tax exemptions for all religions. These exemptions are the same as a subsidy and are contrary to our concept of separation of church and State. Parasites and charlatans are not deserving of a subsidy. Remove any deduction businesses use for gasoline or diesel powered vehicles. Truck traffic is a major source of greenhouse gases. Bill all expenses paid for policing and controlling illegal immigration to the country of origin. Force them to stop encouraging the illegal crossing of our borders. Repeal any law or regulation permitting US based companies from manufacturing any product outside of the CONUS. Through tax law, force the return of our major industries that migrated out of country. Create a law that would require a uniform tax protest system in all states. States routinely enforce laws that violates our right to petition for a redress of grievances guaranteed by the first amendment to our Constitution. The procedures usually are so costly to follow that only multi-millionaires can afford the effort. Look into all of the taxes imposed on telephone service. Currently, over half of my telephone bill is taxes paid to either Federal, State , County, or city. Enough is

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Kendall Ponder

none

Individual

I strongly believe the FairTax would be a tremendous boon for the economy as described below. Thank you for your time. An Open Letter to the President, the Congress, and the American people Concerning Reform of the Federal Tax Code Dear Mr. President, Members of Congress, and Fellow Americans, We, the undersigned business and university economists, welcome and applaud the ongoing initiative to reform the federal tax code. We urge the President and the Congress to work together in good faith to pass and sign into federal law H.R. 25 and S. 25, which together call for: â€¢ Eliminating all federal income taxes for individuals and corporations, â€¢ Eliminating all federal payroll withholding taxes, â€¢ Abolishing estate and capital gains taxes, and â€¢ Repealing the 16th Amendment We are not calling for elimination of federal taxation, which would be irresponsible and undesirable. Nor does our endorsement call for reduced federal spending. The tax reform plan we endorse is revenue neutral, collecting as much federal tax revenue as the current income tax code, including payroll withholding taxes. We are calling for elimination of federal income taxes and federal payroll withholding taxes. We endorse replacing these costly, oppressively complex, and economically inefficient taxes with a progressive national retail sales tax, such as the tax plan offered by H.R. 25 and S. 25 â€” which is also known as the FairTax Plan. The FairTax Plan has been introduced in the 109th Congress and had 54 co-sponsors in the 108th

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Congress. If passed and signed into law, the FairTax Plan would:

- Enable workers and retirees to receive 100% of their paychecks and pension benefits,
- Replace all federal income and payroll taxes with a simple, progressive, visible, efficiently collected national retail sales tax, which would be levied on the final sale of newly produced goods and services,
- Rebate to all households each month the federal sales tax they pay on basic necessities, up to an independently determined level of spending (a.k.a., the poverty level, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services), which removes the burden of federal taxation on the poor and makes the FairTax Plan as progressive as the current tax code,
- Collect the national sales tax at the retail cash register, just as 45 states already do,
- Set a federal sales tax rate that is revenue neutral, thereby raising the same amount of tax revenue as now raised by federal income taxes plus payroll withholding taxes,
- Continue Social Security and Medicare benefits as provided by law; only the means of tax collection changes,
- Eliminate all filing of individual federal tax returns,
- Eliminate the IRS and all audits of individual taxpayers; only audits of retailers would be needed, greatly reducing the cost of enforcing the federal tax code,

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- Allow states the option of collecting the national retail sales tax, in return for a fee, along with their state and local sales

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David S. Miller, A Progressive System of Mark-to-Market Taxation, 121 TAX NOTES 213 (Oct. 13, 2008) would tax appreciation of marketable securities without necessity of a sale. Abstract This proposal would require our largest corporations and wealthiest taxpayers to mark to market their publicly traded securities and derivatives on those securities. The taxpayers subject to mark to market would pay tax on the appreciation as if they had sold the securities and derivatives at year-end. It would also allow these taxpayers immediate deductions for unrealized depreciation in publicly traded securities and their derivatives. The proposal is made as a part of the Shelf Project, a collaboration by tax professionals to develop and perfect proposals to help Congress when it needs to raise revenue. Shelf Project proposals are intended to raise revenue, defend the tax base, follow the money, and improve the rationality and efficiency of the tax system. A longer description of the Shelf Project is found at "The Shelf Project: Revenue-Raising Proposals That Defend the Tax Base," Tax Notes, Dec. 10, 2007, p. 1077. Shelf Project proposals follow the format of a congressional tax committee report in explaining current law, what is wrong with it, and how to fix it.

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Professor David Herzig	Valparaiso University School of Law	Business	<p>In a soon to be published article on mine in Michigan State University Law Review (a top 70 flagship law journal), I examine the basis for the existence of exchange or swap funds. For the full article see, <a href="http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1470897">http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1470897</a>. These entities provide an ability for taxpayers with single stock positions to diversify their position without paying tax. This is essentially a congressionally authorized tax shelter. In fact, it is a \$30 billion tax loophole. An “exchange or swap fund” enables investors with over \$5 million net worth and a large block of a single stock position (most often with a \$1 million value minimum) to diversify the position without recognizing gain. These exchange or swap funds are limited only to the rich - not just the super rich. “Fewer than one in 1,900 Americans qualify for exchange funds according to current rules, said Professor Edward Wolff, a New York University expert on wealth.” What is interesting is the purported application of sections 351 and 721 of the Code, discussed infra, to exchange fund formation. The utilization of these nonrecognition statutes comes as a surprise, initially at least, to practitioners who mostly have a common, classroom image of the type of transaction that is contemplated by the sections. A typical section 351 or 721 of the Code transaction is a relatively small-volume transaction involving either the incorporation of an existing business by its owners or the establishment of a new</p>
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business by a limited number of individuals desiring to combine their capital and skills. Exchange Funds have been in existence for decades, but came in to the limelight in the 1960s. The statutes regulating exchange funds have been poked, prodded, and pricked by Congress through the years, but the tacit consent of the investment vehicle has nonetheless survived. In order to understand the current rules and carve-outs, it is important to briefly cover the evolutionary saga of the current code sections. The trigger that allows exchange funds to operate is the application of the nonrecognition treatment of either section 351 or 721 of the Code to the contribution of the securities to the fund. The issue has not been addressed in Congress since 1999 when Representative Neal introduced a bill to amend section 351 of the Code. In fact the lead paragraph from a Forbes Magazine article in 2001 was, "the trouble with loopholes is that the better they are, the better the chance they'll be closed. For years now, lawmakers have been trying to do away with exchange funds, also known as "swap funds," which allow holders of highly appreciated stock to diversify without paying capital gains taxes. Yet, here we are in 2009 with the "loophole" in full force. It is time we finally ignore the Joint Committee's report after Rep. Neal's proposed legislation to just ignore the issue. The issue is here and is fundamentally a misapplication of the code to a structured tax shelter. It is time to address the issue.

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Repeal the exemption in section 162(m) for compensatory stock options. Deductible stock options would thus have to fit with the existing overall \$1 million cap for deductible compensation. Stock options destroy value. Executive stock options give controlling officers an incentive to undertake risks with a negative probability-discounted value. Stock options means that the holders participate in the upside of a lottery-like position, but are not hurt by the down side. Stock options misalign management incentives so that they are trying to "bet the farm" on every poker hand, because the farm is not theirs to lose. The risks should properly scare the flesh off the shareholders whose investments are being subjected to the risks, but a self serving homo economicus officer does not care. Assume, ABC Inc. is offered a bet (the Bet) on commodities or currency positions or the like, which would require commitment of all of ABC, Inc.'s assets of \$50 billion. The Bet requires \$50 billion now, and has a 50% chance being worth \$90 billion and a 50% chance of being worth nothing. ABC Inc should reject the Bet, because it worth only 50%\*\$90 billion or \$45 billion for its \$50 billion cost. Moreover, the loss leg means liquidation of ABC, firing all employees, and disrupting supply and customer chains nation wide, and various other externalities beyond the zero value of the Bet. ABC Inc. is run by Mr. AB, however, who has an option for 1/10% of the stock for current value in x years. AB is a recent CEO and his

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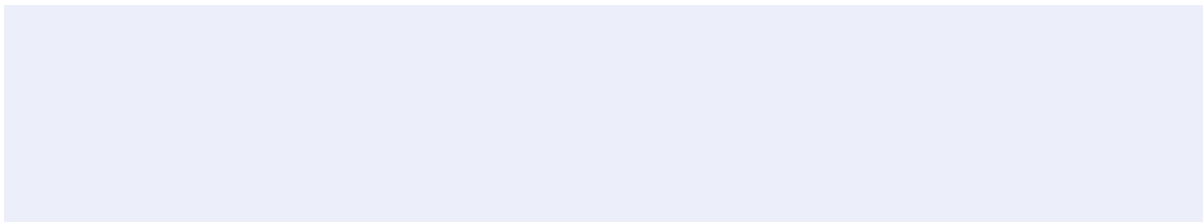
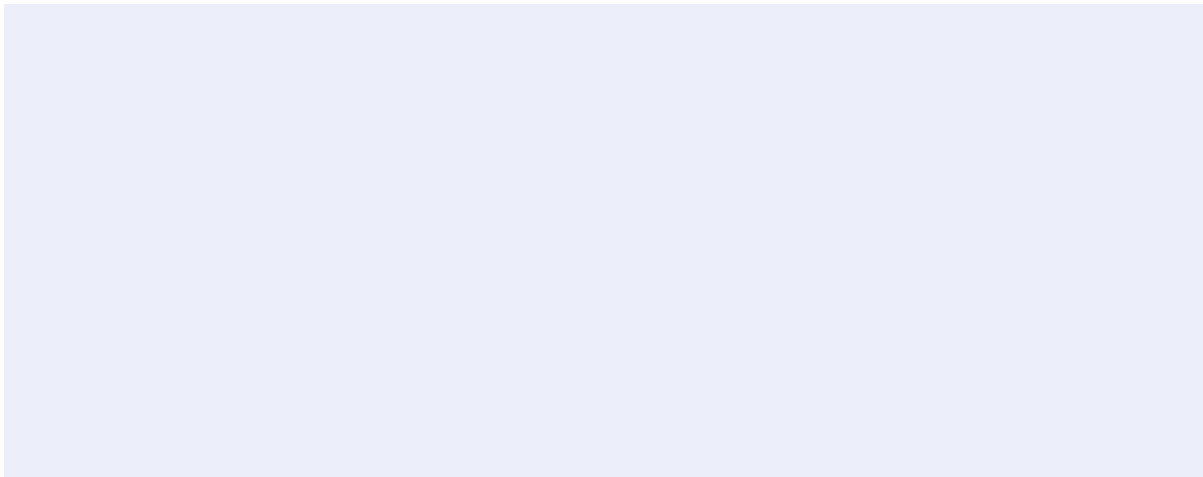
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James Hunt	Individual	Individual	I support the FairTax (HR25) and urge you to support its adoption ASAP. Thank you.
Terri Abraham	What do you mean - self -employed business owner	Individual	We should abolish federal income tax and establish a national sales tax whose rate can only be increased by a national election. Executive, Legislative, and Judicial salary or benefit changes must also be approved in a national general election. Then you guys could be paid based on your performance, too!
Kim Slater	American Citizen	Individual	The biggest tax reform needed is to enact the Fair Tax - or at the very least, something similar to it. The current tax system, with its loopholes,millions of pages of regulations and the difficulty for normal, educated Americans to complete their own tax forms is just the beginning of reasons we need a new system. Illegal immigrants (which you don't seem to be doing anything about) will also begin contributing to the national funding that they so easily use when they are here. You talk about CHANGE- THAT would be a welcome one that you can actually be PROUD of! That might be one that would actually get you re-elected!
Alex Clay	Self	Individual	Make explicit that cheating on your taxes makes you ineligible for presidentially appointed positions or committee chairmanships in the congress
Peter DEVLIN	private citizen	Individual	The USA has a great opportunity to broaden its tax base, secure long term future revenue and at the same time create a level playing field for all US based business who are either exporting or importing goods + services. They can do this by adopting a VAT / GST type tax as almost all

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of their global trading partners either already have done or are planning to do. I work as a Global Indirect Tax - GST / VAT advisor in Malaysia and we are currently preparing for tax reform in Malaysia which will adopt a Goods and Services Tax. Malaysia is looking to choose the best ideas from the existing VAT / GST regimes globally and, at the same time, include certain unique elements that will benefit all Malaysians. My background which includes working for the Government of Canada with its GST department and working in tax advisory /consulting in Australia, Ireland and Singapore has given me a unique knowledge of GST / VAT systems around the world. The US should look at this as a way to significantly simplify the current tax system, level the playing field with foreign exporters of goods, as well as for goods/services exported from the US to other VAT / GST countries, once and for all put aside the disputes at the WTO (GATT before that) on unfair tax incentives and as stated above secure long term future revenue for the US Treasury. Countries like Canada have managed to lower personal tax rates since the inception of GST in 1991 and the Federal GST rate in Canada is a very low 5%, with combined provincial rates this figure amount 12 - 13%.

Calvin H. Johnson      The Shelf Project      Association

Charles I. Kingson, The Source of Royalty Income, 119 TAX NOTES 499 (April, 24, 2008),  
[<http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/source-of-royalty-income.pdf>] Abstract This proposal suggests that the government enforce the language of section 861(a)(4)

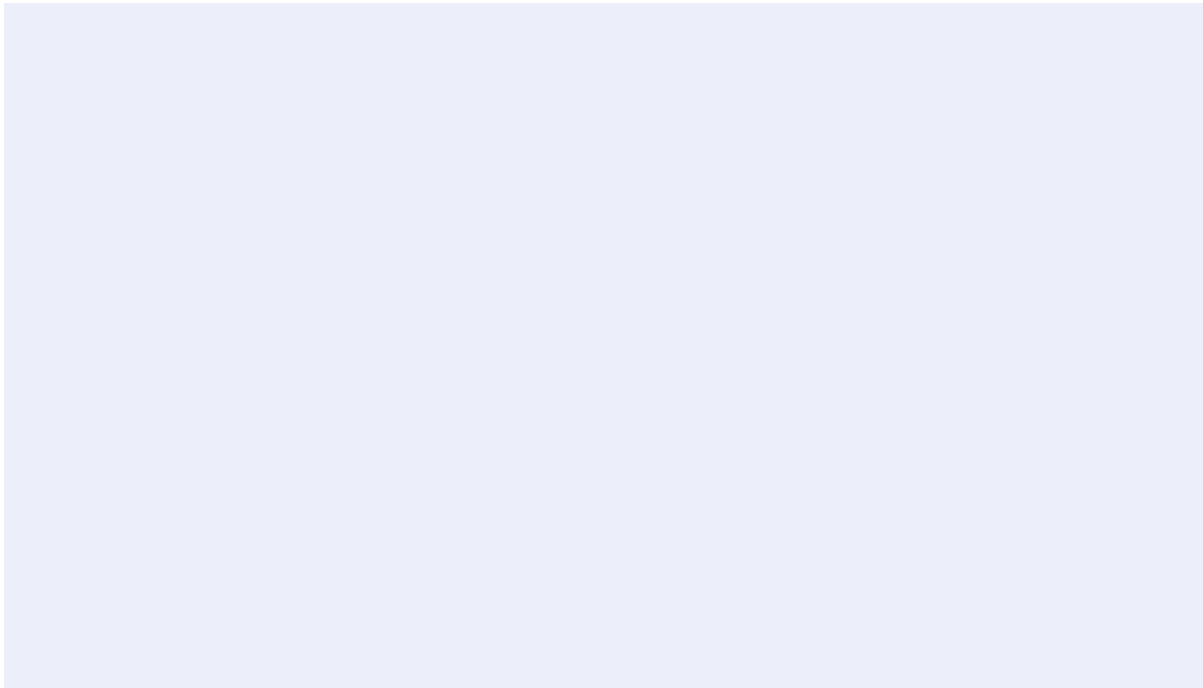
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Calvin H. Johnson	Shelf Project	Association	<p>to attribute royalty income by reference to where the patent is located and used.</p> <p>Charles I. Kingson, Elections for Foreign Target Corps. and the Larger Problem, 119 TAX NOTES 303 (April 4, 2008) [<a href="http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/elections-for-foreign-target-corps.pdf">http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/elections-for-foreign-target-corps.pdf</a>] Abstract This proposal recommends creating consistency as to earnings, basis, and foreign tax credits in sales of subsidiaries. This involves both section 338 elections and its handmaiden, check-the-box.</p>
Calvin H. Johnson	Shelf Project	Association	<p>Charles I. Kingson, Taxing Foreign Corporations on U.S. Business Income, 118 TAX NOTES 1143 (Mar. 10, 2008) [<a href="http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/taxing-foreign-corporations.pdf">http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/taxing-foreign-corporations.pdf</a>] Abstract This proposal recommends that engaging in business in the United States should be determined on the basis of the regularity of transactions both inside and outside the United States; that the source and doing business rules take into account a U.S. audience or customers; and that financial investments involving credit be treated as interest. Gain from derivative contracts would continue to be exempt (with exceptions): gain from portfolio stock by foreigners would also be exempt without regard to technicalities, but gain from takeovers of U.S. businesses would become taxable. This regime is intended to affect tax-haven investors rather than those who obtain treaty protection.</p>
Calvin H. Johnson	The Shelf Project	Association	<p>Charles I. Kingson, Reform Intercompany Sales and</p>

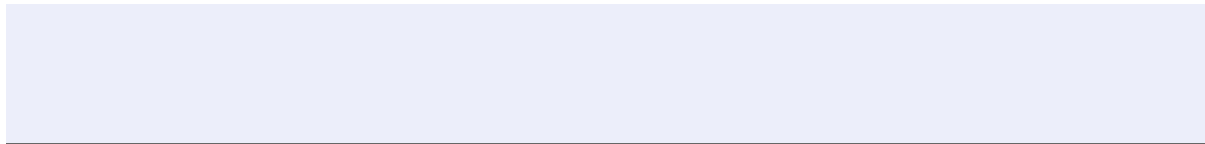
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			<p>Service Income under Subpart F, 118 TAX NOTES 951 (Feb. 25, 2008)</p> <p>[<a href="http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/reform-intercompany-sales.pdf">http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/reform-intercompany-sales.pdf</a>] Abstract This proposal recommends limiting subpart F sales and services income to transactions that erode the U.S. tax base; that when a U.S. company sells goods to its foreign subsidiary, any contract manufacturing be considered to erode that base; and that proposed weakening of the substantial assistance rules be reversed and treat as substantial assistance a foreign subsidiary's use of any intangibles not properly accounted for under sections 367 or 482.</p>
Calvin H. Johnson	Shelf Project	Association	<p>Charles I. Kingson. Business Income and the Foreign Tax Credit, 118 TAX NOTES 741 (Feb. 11, 2008)</p> <p>[<a href="http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/business-income.pdf">http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/business-income.pdf</a>] Abstract This proposal recommends that tax law neutralize the advantages of operating in low-tax countries and repatriating from high-tax countries in three ways. One, determining foreign tax credit with respect to overall foreign profits; two, preventing voluntary repatriation from high-tax countries under section 956 and disguised repatriation from low-tax countries; and three, by ascertaining when profits of low-tax countries result from stealth transfers of intangibles</p>
Calvin H. Johnson	Shelf Project	Association	<p>Charles I. Kingson, Revise the Rules for Passive Income and Assets, 118 TAX NOTES 535 (January 28, 2008), <a href="http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/revise-the-">http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/revise-the-</a></p>

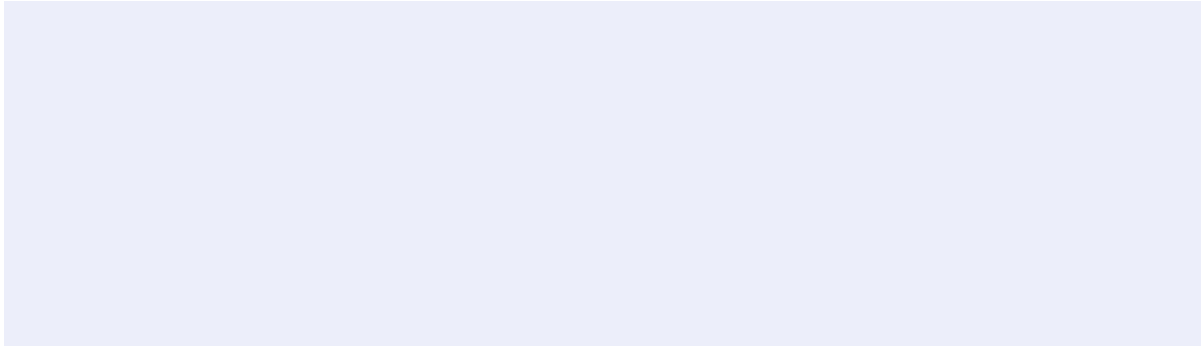
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			rules.pdf Abstract This proposal recommends restoration of the passive foreign investment rules to controlled foreign corporations. Its 1997 removal, on the grounds of simplification, allowed many billions of profits siphoned from the United States to be accumulated in low tax jurisdictions and then, in an incredibly complex provision backed by multinationals, brought back to the United States without tax.
Calvin H. Johnson	Shelf Project	Association	Wash Sales with Replacement by Related Parties, 120 TAX NOTES (Sept. 29, 2008) [http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/wash-sales-with-replacement.pdf]. Abstract In a realization system, taxpayers have an incentive to sell loss property from a diversified portfolio and hold gain property. With no limitations on selective loss sales, the effective tax rate on an appreciating portfolio is less than zero. Replacements by related parties are now sometimes treated as “fake dispositions” under the facts and circumstances step transaction doctrine, collapsed or not according to whether the sale and replacement are part of an overall plan. The litigation over facts and circumstances is not worth the effort in an efficient, properly priced market. This proposal would make the suspension of loss automatic if a closely related party replaces the sold loss property within 30 days before or after the loss sale. Current law also gives the purchaser of the replacement property added basis for the loss not allowed on the sale,

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subject to increasingly complicated rules limiting loss-shifting from one party to another. It is simpler and better theory to let the original seller take the loss, but not recognize it until the related party sells the replacement property or the relatedness is broken. There would never be a transfer of basis to the related party. Also, section 267(d) would be amended to conform to this proposal so that the original owner keeps a suspended loss both on replacement by the related party and a sale to the related party. The proposal is made as a part of the Shelf Project, a collaboration by tax professionals to develop and perfect proposals to help Congress when it needs to raise revenue. Shelf Project proposals are intended to raise revenue, defend the tax base, follow the money, and improve the rationality and efficiency of the tax system. A longer description of the Shelf Project can be found at [“The Shelf Project: Revenue-Raising Projects That Defend the Tax Base,”](#) *Tax Notes*, Dec. 10, 2007, p. 1077. Shelf Project proposals follow the format of a congressional tax committee report in explaining current law, what is wrong with it, and how to fix it.

Greg

Illinois State  
University Graduate  
Student

Government

I believe that the board should **STRONGLY** consider adopting the Fair Tax System. It is a much more efficient means of taxation. It resolves much of the arguments about illegal aliens not paying taxes (everybody shops, so a national sales tax would then be levied on all people living in this country, legal or not). Further it simplifies the tax

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Calvin H. Johnson	Shelf Project	Association	<p>system that is currently bogged down by tons of confusion. There would also be the benefit on the environment from not having to print hundreds of thousands of forms each year. Finally, it removes the illegal income tax that the federal government has levied on the citizens for far too long (do not take this as some offensive statement, but merely a statement of fact). The facts are readily available about the differences and the application of the fair tax so I will not bore you with them. Overall the adoption of the fair tax system helps put money back in the hands of Americans, it encourages us to spend money in the market, which therefore would help stimulate the economy better than any "stimulus package" could ever dream of.</p> <p>End Identification of Stock Certificates, 119 TAX NOTES 1171 (June 16, 2008)</p> <p>[<a href="http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/end-identification-of-stock-certificates.pdf">http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/end-identification-of-stock-certificates.pdf</a>] When stock is sold in different lots, current law allows the seller to minimize reported gain by identifying stock with the highest basis as the stock sold. This proposal would end the ability of taxpayers under current law to identify which lot of stock they have sold. The proposal would instead minimize unrealized appreciation and bring adjusted basis for the whole block of stock the taxpayer owns after the sale as close as possible to the fair market value of the retained stock. Tax accounting reflects economic income only if the adjusted basis of the investment reflects its remaining</p>
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Calvin Johnson	Shelf Project	Non-profit Organization
<p>Calvin H. Johnson End Tax-Free Monetization of Wealth, 119 TAX NOTES 1361 June 30, 2008), [http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/end-tax-free-monetization.pdf] Abstract This proposal would treat cash received for writing an option, a short sale, or future as boot or recognition of gain on the underlying property held by the taxpayer or a related party. If, however, the taxpayer does not yet own the underlying property, the cash received would be treated akin to borrowed cash and would not taxed until the transaction is completed. The proposal is part of a series of proposals arguing that tax accounting reflects economic income only if a taxpayer’s remaining basis reflects the value of the remaining investment. Adjusted basis should describe, as closely as possible, the net present value of the remaining investment. The proposal is made as a part of the Shelf Project, a collaboration by tax professionals to develop and</p>		

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			<p>perfect proposals to help Congress when it needs to raise revenue. Shelf Project proposals are intended to raise revenue, defend the tax base, follow the money, and improve the rationality and efficiency of the tax system. A longer description of the Shelf Project can be found at “The Shelf Project: Revenue-Raising Projects That Defend the Tax Base,” Tax Notes, Dec. 10, 2007, p. 1077.</p>
Calvin H Johnson	Shelf Project	Association	<p>Calvin H. Johnson, Andrew Pike &amp; Eric Lustig, Tax on Insurance Buildup, 122 TAX NOTES 665 (January 15, 2009) [ <a href="http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/tax-on-insurance-buildup.pdf">http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/tax-on-insurance-buildup.pdf</a> ]. Abstract Under current law, earnings from an investment in a life insurance contract are exempt from tax. The proposal would tax the investor annually on the internal earnings on the life insurance policy, including earnings to pay for insurance coverage. Life insurance companies would be required to report and withhold tax on the increase in cash surrender value plus the cost of the insurance, less the premiums paid. Actuarial gain “the outcome of a bet without any time value or earnings element” would continue to be tax exempt, however. The proposal is made as a part of the Shelf Project, a collaboration by tax professionals to develop and perfect proposals to help Congress when it needs to raise revenue. Shelf Project proposals are intended to raise revenue, defend the tax base, follow the money, and</p>

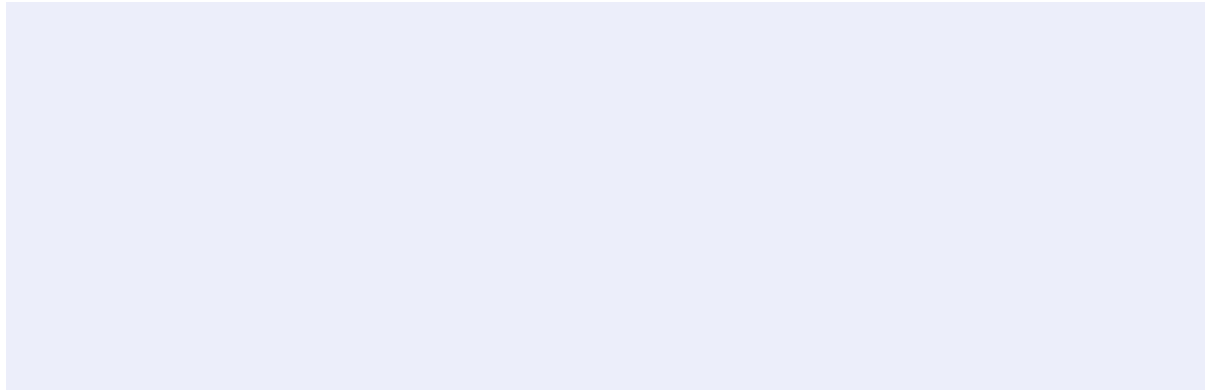
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			<p>improve the rationality and efficiency of the tax system. A longer description of the Shelf Project can be found at <a href="#">"The Shelf Project: Revenue-Raising Projects That Defend the Tax Base,"</a> <i>Tax Notes</i>, Dec. 10, 2007, p. 1077. Shelf Project proposals follow the format of a congressional tax committee report in explaining current law, what is wrong with it, and how to fix it.</p> <p>The effective tax rate (internal rate of return reduction) for any public firm can be reasonably estimated according to ratio of basis to market capitalization. Lorillard Cigarettes, and makers of Doom III and Grand Theft Auto IV are especially low taxed. The Effective Tax Ratio and the Undertaxation of Intangibles, 121 TAX NOTES 1289 (2008) [ <a href="http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/effective-tax-ratio.pdf">http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/calvinjohnson/effective-tax-ratio.pdf</a> ].</p>
Calvin H. Johnson	Texas Law School and Shelf Project	Non-profit Organization	
Richard Tauro	Unaffiliated	Individual	<p>I tried several times to submit a proposal in this "comment" space that was UNDER 5000 characters with an .DOC attachment LESS THAN 5 pages--but kept getting an error message that said: "This form was not processed due to the following reasons: Attachment is larger than the maximum allowable file size. Please limit your file to a size of 0KB or less." NOTE: it is not possible to limit a file to less than 0kb. Please advise me how to submit my tax reform proposal. Thank you.</p>
Mark A. Hightower	Mark A. Hightower, CPA, P.C.	Business	<p>I have many ideas. As I am a Professional Brainstormer a CPA /MST Here are two easy ones: Eliminate - Totally AMT for Individuals and Corporations. The administrative</p>

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Michael Bindner      Iowa Center for  
Fiscal Equity      Individual

burden relief would be huge for the Taxpayer and Government. Second raise the Capital Loss allowance amount from 3,000. which is an old unrealistic number to 10,000. I am always available for more free awesome ideas. Thank You.

Comprehensive Tax Reform should be considered sooner rather than later, as it will impact the acceptability of health care reform. I strongly urge you to move consideration up from December. The key to tax reform should be easing the burden on individuals to file. Employers already have a large paperwork burden and they already write the checks. The most obvious reform simply shifts the annual reporting obligation from the individual taxpayer to the employer, who already provides limited information and the majority of collection. The easiest way to do this is to broaden the Corporate Income Tax to include the taxation of wages and expanding payment to all forms of business ownership - with separate forms and filings for personal and business income taxation. All payroll taxes could be included, with the exception of Old Age Insurance and the portion of Survivors Insurance which go to retirees. For both employees and employers, this amount is roughly equal to 5.2% of payroll under the income cap and 2.9% of payroll over the cap. The resulting Business Income Tax would include the funds currently collected under Corporate Income Taxes, non-retirement payroll taxes and all personal income taxes collected at or below the 25% rate,

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including the first 25% of the higher 28% (permanent 31%) and higher rates, leaving tax rates of 6%, 11% and 14.6% (assuming use of the rates in permanent law) for high income individuals. A value added tax would reduce the rate charged to employers and bring some awareness of taxation to most people. Enacting any tax reform without such visibility will be a non-starter for most people. This plan is similar to the Value Added Tax (VAT) proposals of Professor Michael Graetz of Yale and Len Burman of the Tax Policy Center of Brookings/Urban, except that expansion of the Business Income Tax will require no new infrastructure to implement. Inclusion of a VAT component, where the VAT tax is listed in the purchase price and the BIT is left undisclosed, allows collection of a lower BIT, allows exporters to avoid paying taxes for services which benefit domestic consumers and assuring that all citizens are aware of a tax obligation (which serves as a disincentive to demand further spending. I recommend that the VAT be set in the 5%-15% range and be dedicated to CONUS, Alaska and Hawaii military expenses, veterans affairs and non-entitlement domestic discretionary spending. For high income individuals, a residual income surtax should be retained, which should include inherited income (but not inherited property until it is liquidated). The tax exemption for personal income tax would be raised to \$75,000 for individuals and \$100,000 for families to assure that only high income individuals pay these levies. This

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Susan Gustafson    Princess House, Inc    Business

My company is in the direct selling industry. I have always thaaugh that independant contractors as well as business, no matter what business should pay some taxes based on their revenue, not a huge % but something. I say this bacause many businesses have write-off's and some pay no taxes at all. We should all pay something, even if we have a loss. I realized business are struggling but this has been the status quo for decades.

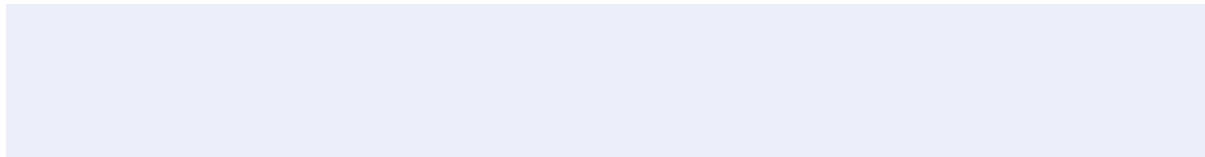
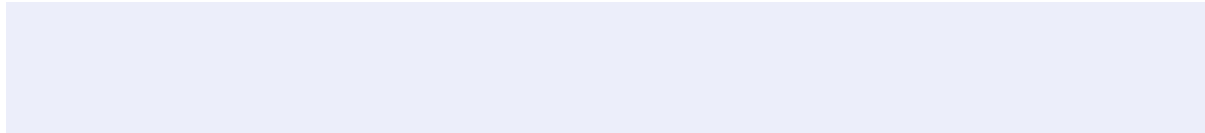
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Kenneth Wells	none	Individual	I would like to suggest that the taxation of income and of businesses be abandoned entirely along with the myriad stealth taxes employed by the federal government. A simple consumption tax will expand the tax base greatly, reduce materials and manpower currently devoted to dealing with the tax code and its ramifications. At tax upon new goods and services is automatically progressive and automatically honest. Cessation of corporate/business taxation will reverse the current trend of corporations fleeing the US and start bringing them back... them and many others, as well. Cessation of corporate/business taxation will have another effect as well, it will counteract the inflation created by the TARP & Stimulus programs. Thank you for your time.
Lisa Greer	n/a	Individual	Fair Tax! Fair Tax! Fair Tax! Fair Tax!
Larry King	citizen	Individual	Consumption bases taxes. Also known as the Fair Tax. It would spur the biggest growth in our history and would put your party in power for the foreseeable future.
Stephen C. Finnell	Patriot	Individual	Repeal the 16th amendment to the Constitution, and enact the "Fair Tax".
Burrton	N/a	Individual	Use the Fair Tax, It'll bring back maufacturing and businesses from abroad
Shirley Lane	Individual	Individual	I would like to see the FairTax initiated as a new tax reform
Steven Caswell	None	Individual	The only serious tax proposal that will have a positive impact on our economy is the Fair Tax. The current tax system is unfair and absurd. If you want to stimulate

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			growth, you should be rewarding success, not penalizing it. The Fair Tax will add thousands of current non-income-tax payers (i.e., the evil rich, the evil illegal immigrants, etc.) to the tax-paying rolls. It will also stimulate serious economic growth when companies who have moved offshore to avoid the current tax system will return onshore to reap the benefits of no income tax. The Fair Tax is the right thing The Fair Tax is desperately needed by the middle class.
Judy Najour	individual	Individual	THE FAIR TAX
Larry Najour	Azar Electric, Inc.	Business	THE FAIR TAX
Roger Menke	Citizen	Individual	Weâ€™ve all grown up with personal and business income taxes, Social Security and Medicare taxes, capital gains, self-employment, gift and estate taxes, and on and on. We know how many devils hide in the details of a tax code that exceeds 60,000 pages. Weâ€™ve become steeped in dark cynicism about the IRS and the lobbyists and the well advised who thrive on those details, as well as the criminals who have no reason or intention to participate. Meanwhile our economy and currency suffer, businesses and manufacturing dwindle, and hope fades. My â€œawakeup callâ€ was my young, ambitious son asking my opinion of what the best emigration option might be for him in a few years. Thus awakened I have been paying attention as never before to the status and direction of this country, and I believe there is cause for hope: the FairTax (in Congress reference H.R. 25 and S. 296). It is not punitive. It is not regressive. It is not complicated or

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Michael Looker, CPA	self	Individual	<p>punitive. It is not regressive. It is not complicated or convoluted. It has no ulterior â€œcarrot or stickâ€ motive. It does not require a bureaucratic army to manage it, nor an industry of advisors to protect the citizens. It does not exempt criminals from paying their share. It does not encourage â€œoffshore bankingâ€. It does not place U.S. industry at a disadvantage in the global market place. It is the kind of bold, honest move that people are craving. I hope you will seriously consider and support the FairTax.</p> <p>Save the economy \$230Billion every year by using the Fairtax system. This is one simple national sales tax of about 23% to replace all other taxes. See Fairtax.org and comments by Mike Huckabee and others.</p>
Bill Stegner	Myself	Individual	<p>Implement the Fairtax not some VAT. The Fairtax is the most logical thing to do.</p>
Larry Atkinson	Me	Individual	<p>It was reported on CNN yesterday that 47 percent of working Americans pay no Federal Income tax and no payroll tax. I think thats wonderful but there is a way to get 100 percent of Americans paying no Federal Income tax and no payroll tax and lets include no inheritance tax, no interest income tax, no capital gains tax and several other taxes are completely abolished. The most wonderful thing happens too, you get to terminate, fire, layoff every single IRS worker, therefore reducing the size of government and lowering the need for more taxes. HOW DO YOU DO IT? SIMPLE PLAN!!!! HR25 THE FAIR TAX. OH YEA IT MAKES APRIL 15TH A BEAUTIFUL SPRING DAY. I BET</p>

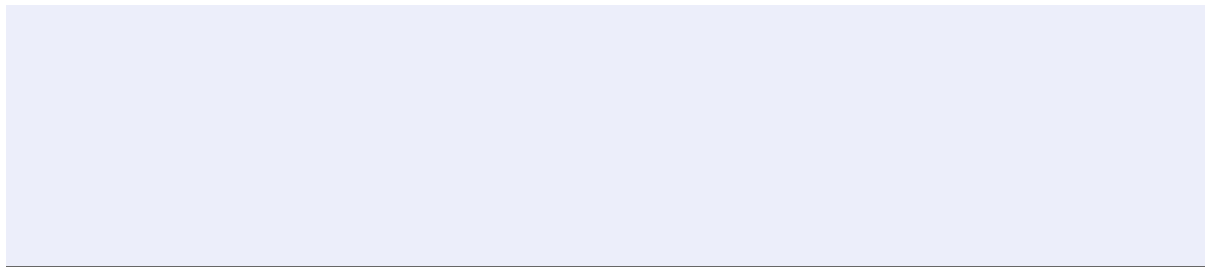
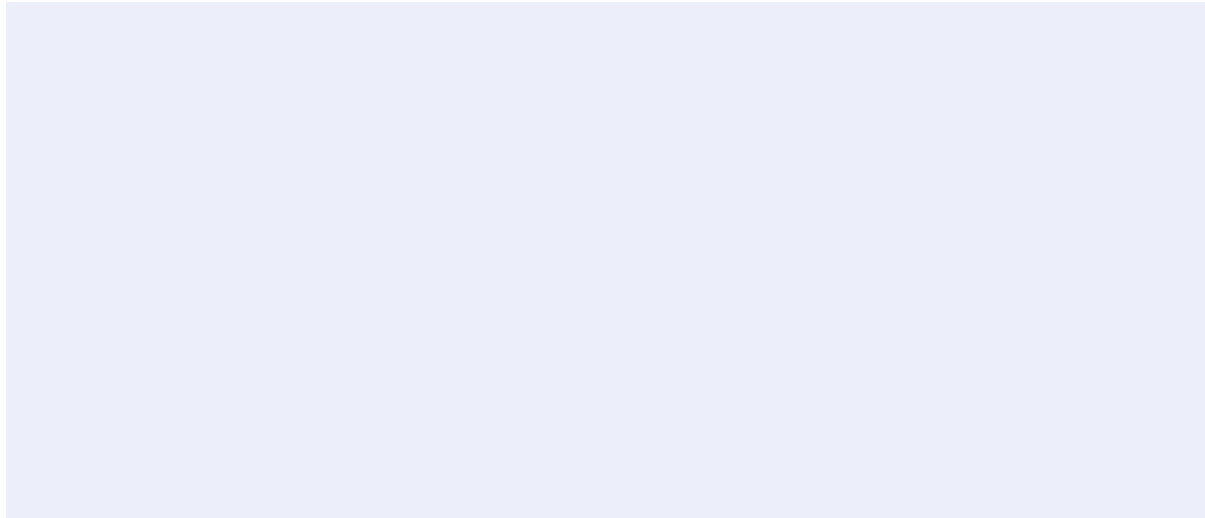
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Charles D Throckmorton	Voting US Citizen	Non-profit Organization	TIM GEITNER CAN APPRECIATE THAT. THAT SCUMBAG TAX CHEAT!!!!!!! We Need The Fair Tax!
Mike Huckle	none	Individual	Eliminate income taxation and replace it with an INCLUSIVE consumption tax based system. Please consider the HR25 FAIRTAX plan that is before Congress. This is what America is DEMANDING: no federal income taxes, no payroll taxes, no self-employment taxes, no capital gains taxes, no gift or estate taxes, no alternative minimum taxes, no corporate taxes, no payroll withholding, no taxes on Social Security benefits or pension benefits, no personal tax forms, no personal or business income tax record keeping, and no personal income tax filing whatsoever. THANK YOU FOR CARING.
Dennis Hazelwood	The Gates Corp.	Business	After reading the Fair Tax reform i think this would be one of the best things that would ever happen to this country. I know it would help the tax payers and our country at the same time. I also believe it would bring the country together, and we need this.
Jim Olson		Individual	The FairTax is the best possible plan. It would unleash the economy. U.S. businesses would create millions of jobs. All manner of corporations and industries from all over the world would want to move and do business here. The current tax system is incomprehensible and oppressive. The scam needs to end. The FairTax levels the playing

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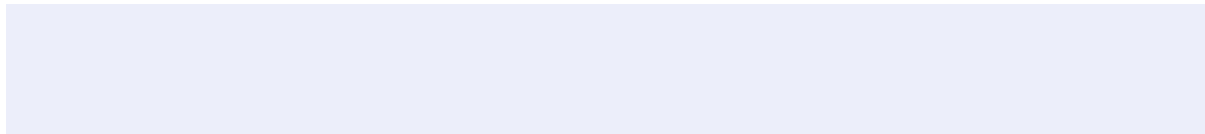
			field for everyone.
Richard Taylor	none	Individual	The Fair-Tax is a logical choice. The work has been done, so you don't have to mess it up.
Theresa DiStefano	Individual	Individual	Be a president who will be remembered as a man who really cared for the American people and endorsed what he promised - CHANGE. I respectfully ask you President Obama endorse FAIR TAX Reform .
Frankie Hubbard	individual	Individual	Do away completely with the current tax system and adopt the Fair Tax.
Bob Sica	freedom loving individual	Individual	The fair tax is the way to go.
Joe Bisson	none	Individual	FAIR TAX is the way to go
James Thaxton	Individual	Individual	I have researched many ways to tax and I come up with none more fair or better than the Fair Tax. Reasons: The sub culture rejoins the taxpayer rolls and the administration required to monitor the program is far less than is required by supporting the IRS of today.
John Tiedemann	@homecomputers	Business	I believe that the Fair Tax would have great benefit for the country. It should absolutely be on the table with any serious proposals. By eliminating the current tax code, special interest looking for tax breaks and favors, would lose their leverage and people would start to respect our lawmakers again. The bought out politician is killing this country!
Matthew Sutter	self	Individual	Mr. President, Please investigate the FairTax. I believe it would benefit our country greatly. Thank you.

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Kimbo Mundy	Self	Individual	Retire the Federal income tax and replace it with an annual tax on wealth. Tax rates would be much lower and could be higher for corporations than individuals.
Mike and Marian Warlick	Americans for Fair Taxation	Non-profit Organization	Enact HB25/S296 - the Fair Tax bill. Any attempts to revise or amend the already hopelessly complex and convoluted, irretrievably broken income tax system will only lead to more lobbyists, more money wasted by both businesses and individuals on compliance costs, and more businesses being driven offshore to avoid our punitive tax code. READ The FairTax Book by Neal Boortz and Congressman John Linder and its sequel The Truth About FairTax. READ the bill. Go to <a href="http://www.FairTax.org">www.FairTax.org</a> . FairTax, with its monthly "prebate" based on household size, offers the greatest benefit to low and middle income taxpayers/families by refunding taxes paid for necessities, up to the poverty level. The tea party rallies and similar efforts highlight the problem. FairTax offers a solution. Thank you.
Herb Whitson	None	Individual	There is only one answer to the abomination of our current unfair and total lack of representation of tax collection. Enact the FairTax or HR 25.
David Iwan	small business owner	Business	There has been ALOT of time and money spent in research on this issue. What resulted is what has come to be known as the "FAIR TAX" ( <a href="http://fairtax.org">go to fairtax.org</a> ). I know this takes away alot of power from the politicians, removes the IRS from existence, INCREASES tax revenue because it would be a true "stimulus" that actually will work....and

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			everybody is taxed the same. No income tax, no \$ spent on tax planning, no complicated tax codes to try to follow.... Are you even looking at it? There was about 2 million VOTERS in Washington , DC on 9-12 that are behind the FAIR TAX.
Mary Ann Young	Fair Tax	Non-profit Organization	Please consider repealing the 16th ammendment and replacing it with the Fair Tax.
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Charles Almand	Georgians for Fair Tax	Non-profit Organization	If he wants to do something for the US we need to put the FAIR TAX in to place. It will put people to work and bring back big Business to the US.
Gerald Brown	American Tax Payer	Individual	There is a solution that has been studied and debated long enough. It would help the US get back on track. I'm tired of the politicians not wanting this solution because it will take some of their power away. The solution we need is the Fair Tax. If you truly want to solve a lot of problems and help the economy and the American people repeal the 16th ammendment and replace our current tax system with the Fair Tax.
James Hodges	Registered Voter	Individual	H.R. 25 AKA as the Fairtax. Please go to <a href="http://fairtax.org">http://fairtax.org</a> for details. Thank you
lyn williams	AFFT	Non-profit Organization	We want the Fair Tax - HR 25 Pass it now
anthony distefano	Fairtax supporter	Non-profit Organization	The Fairtax is the best tax reform our country can expect. It is by far the best "stimulus package" America needs!!

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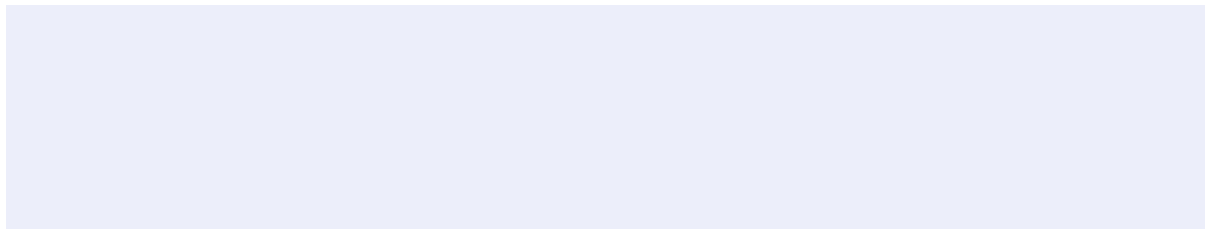
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Jim Brown	None	Individual	Please implement Senator Linder's Fair Tax. I believe this will save America. Appreciatively, Jim Brown
Henry McAdory	United States Citizen	Individual	Adoption of the FairTax and abolition of the current IRS would appear the absolute best way to reform taxes and stimulate the economy beyond imagination. This would also require a strong immigration policy. There would be more jobs created in the United States from foreign companies relocating due to the tax advantages. The current citizenry would not be able to facilitate the demand. For more information please see "The FairTax Book", co-authored by Neal Boortz and Georgia Rep. John Linder. Another reform would be to put a halt to all of the current spending that has not helped the economy, but instead has created more government jobs. Government is NOT the answer. The people are the answer. That is why the founding fathers put limits on the government. They were keenly aware of what would happen if the government were to hold too much power. Even though this country proclaimed it's freedom from King George, it now appears we serve 536 kings in Washington, D.C. Enough already, but you guys aren't listening. By the time you hear us at the ballot boxes next year it will be too late.
Diane Earnest	American for Fair Taxation	Individual	The passing of HR 25, the Fair Tax, would create the fairest distribution of taxes in the country's history. An even and uncomplicated collection of taxes would free up government resources for other priorities as well as attract business to this country from around the world. It would

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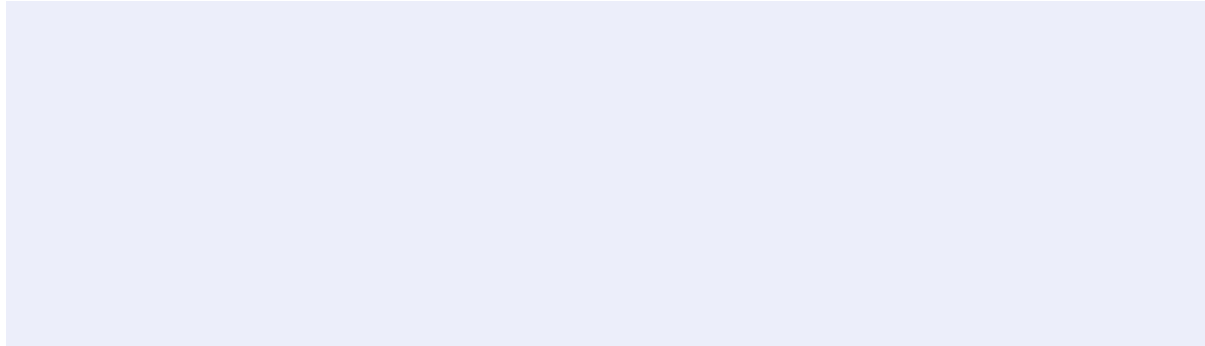




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			create an environment that would bring business back to this country that left due to the horrible tax system we have in this country. Coupled with the pre-bate this bill would give control to the finance of the poor. Issues about illegals not paying taxes would end and if they are going to be in this country they will pay their fair share of taxes. If this is an honest look at tax reform it would be impossible not to pass this bill for true tax reform.
Carey Fisher	Individual Taxpayer	Individual	First would be implementation of the Fair Tax. That would take care of all our financial problems and there would still be plenty of money for politicians to use to buy votes.
Jeffrey Locke	I'm a citizen	Individual	Get rid of all embedded costs brought on by the corporate income tax, the individual income tax, the capital gains tax, the inheritance tax, the estate tax, and the like by endorsing the passage of the Fairtax plan. HR25/S296 is already in Congress and this one plan will bring America back into fair play as a global economic power. So stop looking for ways to rearrange chairs in a broken paradigm of a tax structure when you already have the Cadillac of ALL tax proposals embodied in the Fairtax plan!
Dawn Thomas	Tax payer	Individual	Extend 8,000 tax credit deadline until end of 2010.
Theresa Duperon	permanently disabled attorney	Individual	Tax individuals and corporations with incomes at and over \$1 million dollars per year, 75%.
Paul Kelley	FairTax	Business	I would like to see the FairTax passed in to law and the 26th amendment repealed. The FairTax has had millions of dollars spend studying the impact and implementation. As the name implies it is a fair tax. You buy a good or service

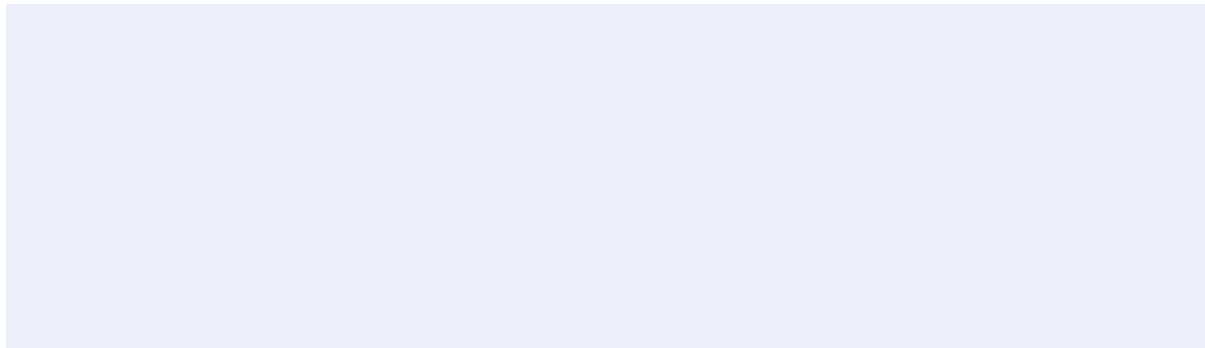
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Karen	Fair Tax	Non-profit Organization	<p>the name implies it is a fair tax. You buy a good or service you pay tax wheather you are a prostitute not claiming income or illeagle not claiming income or paying taxes to a tourist. Everyone pays tax at the point of sale. There is also a prebate to assist those making less than the poverty level. Please pass the FairTax in to law. H. R. 25 pass it in to law and repeal the 16th amendment.</p> <p>Please consider the Fair Tax bill HR25. It will REALLY work! no federal income taxes, no payroll taxes, no self-employment taxes, no capital gains taxes, no gift or estate taxes, no alternative minimum taxes, no corporate taxes, no payroll withholding, no taxes on Social Security benefits or pension benefits, no personal tax forms, no personal or business income tax record keeping, and no personal income tax filing whatsoever.</p>
Jesse W. Callihan	Individual	Individual	<p>For someone as smart as you Mr. President not undrstanding and backing the Fair Tax is astounding. The Fair Tax would provide you with all the money needed to fund your health care system. Instead of going down as the worst President ever elected, you would be the best president ever. I pray for you to make the right decision. I want America to go back being the greatest Nation in the world.</p>
Adam Vodanovich	Myself	Individual	Fair Tax HR25
Suzanne Nelson	private citizen	Individual	<p>Mr. President: Please consider implementing the "Fair Tax" program. At least, read the book. Under this plan, there are no losers!! Thank you.l</p>

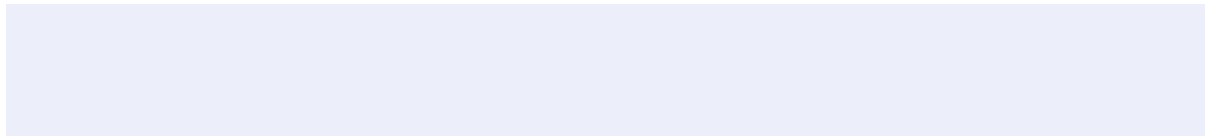
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			there are no losers!! Thank you.l
Paul M. Noyes	Individual	Individual	Over the years, I have studied many proposals for tax reform. The one that makes the most sense is the Fair Tax proposed by my congressman, John Linder. I urge you to study this proposal more closely.
James Montgomery	Taxpayer	Individual	The Fair Tax is my plan for tax reform. Let me decide how much I will be taxed by how much I spend. Get the underground economy, drugs, black market, smuggling all paying taxes when they buy their Escalades and Suburbans. Bring businesses back into this country by eliminating the income taxes on small businesses. Don't allow congress or the executive branch to penalize a certain group or reward another group by changes in the tax code. Cut out the voluminous tax code that only CPA's can understand.
Latricia Vaughn	none	Individual	Dear President Obama, Thank you for opening this up to those of us who are oppressed by the IRS. My husband & I strongly support the Fair Tax. Let those who spend the most pay the most! It will support the economy because the wealthy will still buy big-ticket items. The Fair Tax would also save the government MILLIONS of \$\$ by eliminating the IRS bureaucracy, which is totally out of control. Sincerely, Bill & Latricia Vaughn
Pamela Johnson	non	Individual	the best way to help with the economy of this country is to get rid of the IRS and install the fair tax. Thank you, Pamela Johnson

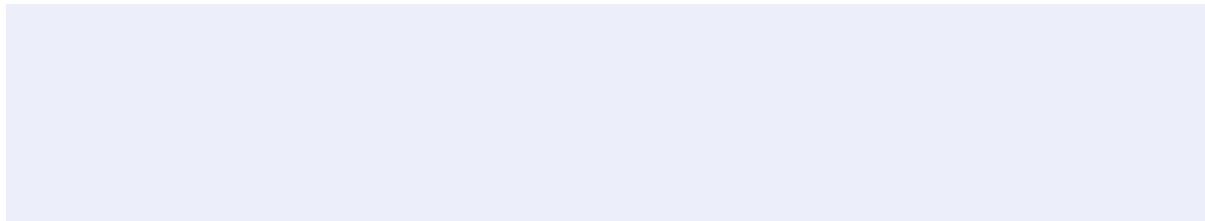
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Lisa Chambers	N/A	Individual	<p>The tax reform we need is something that would not punish productivity and would be fair to everyone, with everyone paying the same percentage. But not a percentage of their income. Even a basic income tax punishes productivity; and it is made even worse when it is a graduated income tax where the more you earn, the higher a percentage you pay. We need to eliminate our income tax system and adopt a national sales tax -- the FairTax. With the FairTax, everyone would pay the same rate of sales tax; and no one would pay any taxes for spending up to the poverty level. The FairTax bill is much simpler and easier to understand than our current tax code. It is only a few hundred pages, much shorter than the current 67,000 pages.</p> <p><a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/home/gpoxmlc111/h25_ih.xml">http://thomas.loc.gov/home/gpoxmlc111/h25_ih.xml</a></p>
Bob Place	Voter	Individual	<p>The FairTax is the only real option. The current income tax system penalizes success. Why would anyone invest in the economy (for, of course, the purpose of making a profit) and be penalized for success?</p>
Paul Rish	Citizen	Individual	<p>I believe that the fair tax would be the best way to go. It will make the US an economic power house once again. It would be the fairest way to raise money for the U.S. Government. I would vote for anyone supporting the fair tax.</p>
Kristina	small business owner	Individual	<p>Enact the FairTax, HR 25, to boost our economy &amp; bring jobs back to America. FairTax is the way to go!!</p> <p><a href="http://www.FairTax.org">www.FairTax.org</a></p>
melva anderson	Fair Tax volunteer	Individual	<p>I believe The Fair Tax is the only alternative to replace the</p>

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			present income tax system. I have read about other alternatives like the VAT tax but that only hurts american families and does nothing for the economy. The Fair Tax is the only tax that taxes consumption instead of hard work and is truly fair
Timothy Szejter	Individual	Individual	FairTax
Kevin Burns	Fairtax Supporter	Individual	<a href="http://www.fairtax.org/">http://www.fairtax.org/</a>
Bill Reister	Thunder Enterprises, Ltd.	Individual	We already have a tax reform bill in Congress and the Senate which will save Americans \$500 billion annually in ridiculous and intrusive "compliance costs" while launching our economy to the moon. Stop pandering to special interest groups and get behind the FairTax now!
Robert (Chip) Matthews, JD/CPA	Sam Houston State University	Non-profit Organization	I would recommend the following three-pronged approach, at 15% per prong it generates enough revenue to have covered the Bush-era expenditures and balanced the budget in those years. 1. 15% payroll tax, collected like social security is now, 7.5% from employee and 7.5% from employer, with no ceiling on payroll amount; this would effectively replace the current FICA and Medicare taxes. 2. 15% tax on business profits, collected on all forms of business--corporation, partnership, proprietorship, LLC, etc. 3. 15% consumption tax, with Boortz-Linder prefund set at 30% (to offset the effects of both the payroll and consumption taxes). Repeal the personal income tax. You would still need the IRS, but note that all compliance efforts can now be focused on businesses (of which there are about 35 million) instead of individual returns (of which

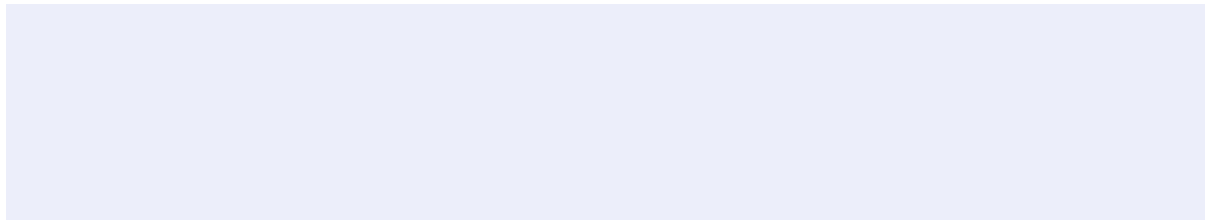
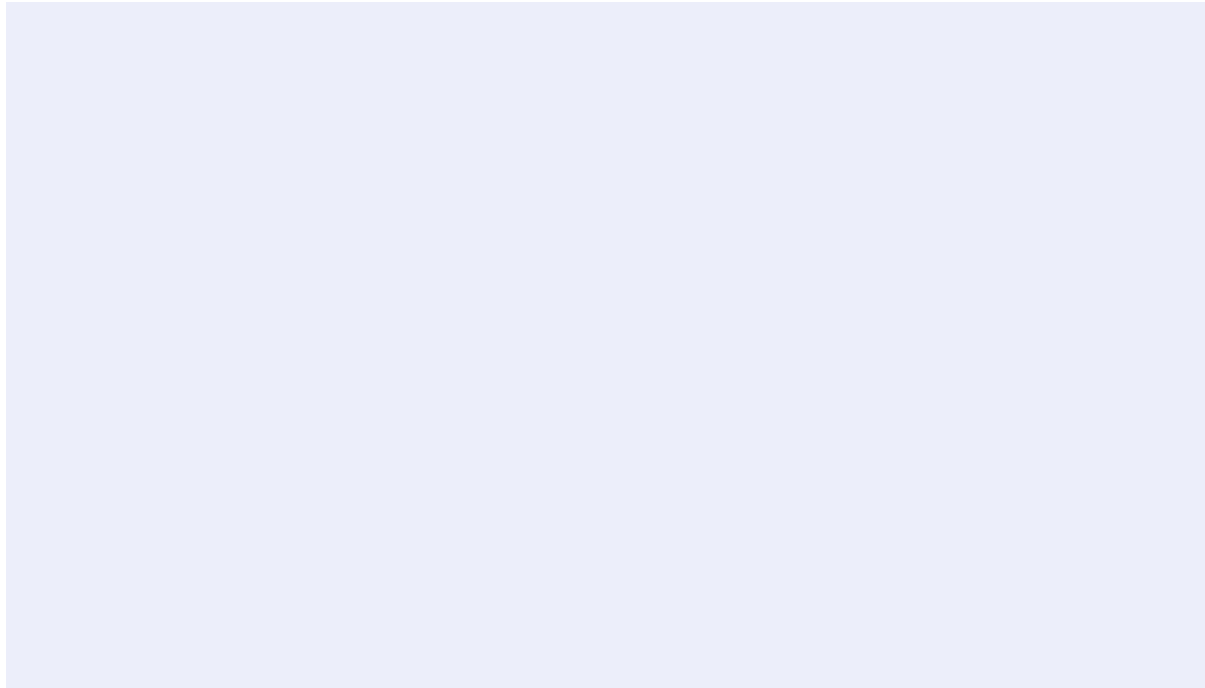
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			about 35 million) instead of individual returns (of which there are about 150 million), so that audit rates can now be much higher (presumably making compliance much higher). This is an approach taken by many former Soviet client states in eastern Europe, based on independent economic analysis focused on developing the most growth-favorable tax structure. With the prefund, the net impact on low income people is generally positive to neutral compared to the current structure. With flat rates, the negative impact on investment and growth from the current "progressive" rate structure would be minimized. Since the "rich" can--and routinely do--simply pass the marginal impacts of any "progressive" rates through to their clients/customers/patients/employees, there really is no such thing as a truly progressive tax, so we should quit kidding ourselves otherwise.
Bruce Maynes	Personal	Individual	Try the Fair Tax. Remember, you work for us. Not the other way around.
Riley D. Martin	Unemployed	Individual	House Resolution 25 / Senate Bill 296 - The FairTax legislation is already in Congress in committee...get them to vote on it and sign it and I will put an Obama sticker on my car the next day. It is the only way to turn our economy around.
Riley D. Martin	Unemployed	Individual	House Resolution 25 / Senate Bill 296 - The FairTax legislation is already in Congress in committee...get them to vote on it and sign it and I will put an Obama sticker on my car the next day. It is the only way to turn our economy

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Robert Jones	None	Individual	around. Change the tax code to quit punishing those who generate economic growth. The FairTax is the best plan going.
Shirley Gastler	citizen of America	Individual	for once listen to the people of this great country. FAIR TAX, that way if you are illegal, on welfare or a plain working middle class American. We all pay what we should.
Ken Rutherford	ART Enterprises, Inc.	Individual	May I suggest the only really equitable tax—the Fair Tax as outlined by Congressman John Linder in his book "The Fairtax". If we eliminated payroll taxes then we could eliminate the IRS. We could eliminate the need for the government to intrude upon the privacy of individuals by requiring them to disclose their income.
Craig Brannon	NA	Individual	FairTax
Lisa Beharelle	individual	Individual	I support the FairTax. It's the only way to get us out of this mess. For more info, go to <a href="http://www.Fairtax.org">www.Fairtax.org</a>
Dan Dey	self	Individual	Please support and implement the Fair Tax, a consumption tax that replaces ALL taxes on income. That will do more to stimulate the economy than anything else, bring business and investments back to America, and it is fair to all Americans. For more information see FAIRTAX.ORG. Thanks,
Steve Abramson	N/A	Individual	Suggestion: Consider restructuring our economy with a VAT, which would make the U.S. more competitive in this era of globalization. Because the VAT is border-adjustable under GATT rules, the cost of government

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covered by the VAT would not be included in exports making our goods and services more competitive abroad. Likewise, imports would carry an equal burden when competing in the U.S., and the playing field would be more level. All our trading partners and over 100 countries now use the VAT so that government "overhead" does not enter the competitive arena of international trade. Please examine the VAT as a replacement tax for the Corporate Income Tax as well as for other revenues (universal healthcare vouchers, perhaps). The revenues from the CIT have fallen from around 30% to about 8% of total tax revenues. Replacing the CIT with a VAT would eliminate the double-taxation of dividends, and remove the disincentive for multi-national corporations to park profits in overseas subsidiaries. The VAT is not regressive when combined with a flat or tiered personal income tax with a threshold above the median. (Please examine the plan from economist, Michael Graetz at Columbia. You may also wish to speak with economists and VAT supporters: Lester Thurow at MIT, Larry Seidman at University of Delaware, Gary Robbins at Center for Strategic Tax Reform.) Another who would support the concept of a VAT is (fmr.) Sec. of Commerce, Pete Peterson. Among other VAT supporters, are (ret.) Sen. Fritz Hollings, Andy Stern, President of SEIU, Leo Gerard, President of USW, Ezekiel Emanuel at OMB. The U.S. can no longer afford to stay at a competitive disadvantage in world trade. We

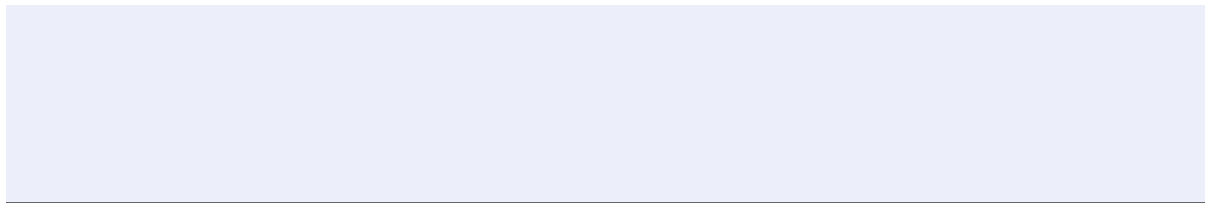
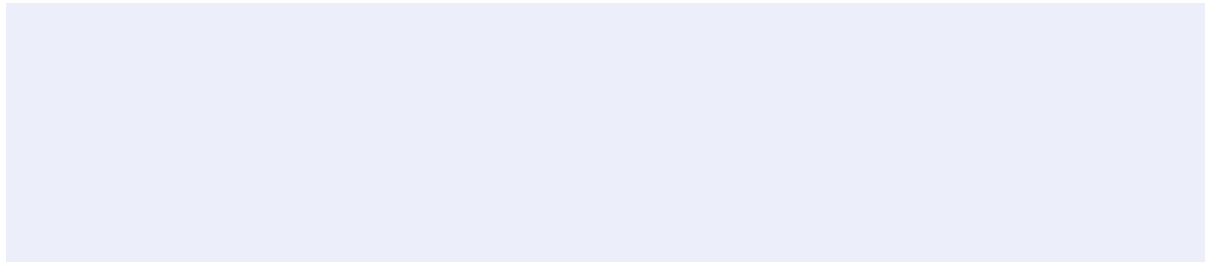
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carol fry	individual	Individual	<p>must get in sync with the rest of the world with a VAT.</p> <p>We need to replace the current tax code with a national sales tax like the Fair Tax. This would create jobs by providing a break for businesses and bringing international companies to the US. It would also add tax revenue from the underground economy and illegal immigrants.</p>
don sparkman	self/ tax payer	Individual	Fair TAX !!!!!!! <a href="http://www.fairtax.org/">http://www.fairtax.org/</a>
David Fige	Tax Payer	Individual	<p>How about the Fair Tax program Proposed by Rep John Lender of GA. This will do many good things, 1) Make all of our pay something including illiegal. 2) Not waiting to get a refund or paying in 3) Makes the IRS less involed on tax planing, The rich has there tax people, But the average joe doesn't Just an option were the people with \$\$ will pay there fair share plus all other will too,</p>
Jeffrey Savage	none	Individual	<p>The most straight-foward, most progressive, and the tax structure that promotes freedom from lobbieists is the FairTax. A national retail sales-tax is by far the most efficient way to fund the government while promoting the economical stability of its citizens. Simple, fair, and efficient. No more multi-thousand page tax code.</p>
Carl Annee	Individual	Individual	The Fair Tax is the solution. It is not partisan and will turn our economy around.
Alex Waller	none	Individual	<p>I'm sure there are a lot of people recommending the Fair Tax and I also support this plan whole heartedly. Here's why... It's not fair that less than half of the people in this country pay income taxes. It's not fair to penalize the high</p>

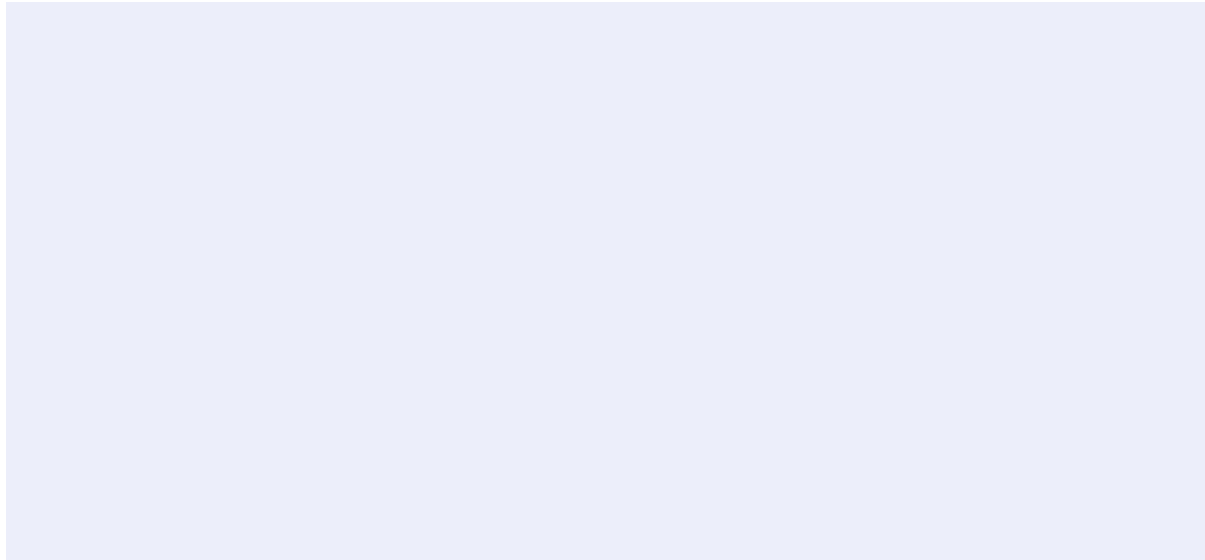
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			<p>achievers/earners. It's not fair that we have to pay to have our taxes prepared each year and never understand what we're really paying into. Here's why it's a great solution... It will bring business to the US thereby creating real job growth. It captures revenue from the illegal aliens and criminals who make up the underground (non tax paying) economy. Workers will be able to bring home their entire paycheck. The current state sales tax system is already in place in order to capture this revenue easily. It's simple and the prebate will benefit the lower income folks. There's not downside and it's certainly a lot better than what we have. Respectfully submitted, Alex Waller - insurance agent from Alpharetta, GA</p>
DOUG GRANTHAM	NONE	Individual	<p>do you really want to help poor people and have the rich pay their fair share of the taxes? then support hr25 &amp; s296 commonly known as the "fairtax". the fairtax would repatriate 13 trillion in offshore capital and create millions of high quality jobs. plus, with no income tax or payroll tax deductions from peoples pay checks along with the prebate, would practically untax the poor. this will be a real test. are you really about helping the poor and middle class or are you all the power and holding people down?</p>
Sharon Mullis	housewife	Individual	<p>Fair Tax is the only way to go!!! Sick and tired of being taxed to death!</p>
Steve Arnold	citizen	Individual	<p>I'm sure by now you've heard about the FAIRTAX, so I want bore you with the detail only to say Thomas Jefferson though it was a great idea and so do I. We both can't be</p>

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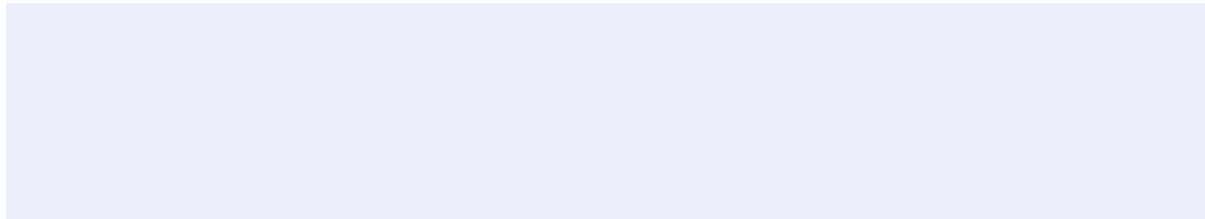
			<p>wrong, Can WE? Please take a Long look at it and you will see what millions of us out here have seen, a simple transparent tax system that treats everyone and businesses alike all with the same respect. We all then will pay our fair share and boost ore econmy at the same time. Stephen M. Arnold Loganville, Ga p.s. go to : <a href="http://www.fairtax.org">www.fairtax.org</a></p>
Curtis Parr	N/A	Individual	<p>I would like to see the tax code simplified for employees as well as employers. Record keeping is at best very difficult for individuals as well as employers. Trying to find out what is needed to be kept and not to keep is very difficult. I would hope to see less deductions or none at all, and a graduated reasonable tax on your gross for employees. For businesses maybe they could have an option of a flat tax on the gross, or deductions if they want to pay for the accounting of their records. I think you would agree that for what a business does by the mere fact of employing people they have done enough. I feel that the small businesses should pay the employees the gross and let the employees pay their taxes, with a less burden of a simplified tax code I believe the employees could simply pay this weekly or monthly. This is one of the biggest problems with starting a new business, why not help employers employ, make it easier for people to start a business and take some of the responsibility off the employer. In conclusion I would like to see the tax year be spread out over the year, maybe use your birthday or some other date of your choosing to pay</p>

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Gregory B. Spradling	Gregory B. Spradling	Individual	<p>your taxes, this would help with the problem of cramming all of this business by April 15th.</p> <p>There are a few good options. The top one is: The Flat Tax: A flat tax treats all taxpayers equally, fulfilling the "equal justice under law" principle etched above the main entrance to the U.S. Supreme Court building. Under a flat tax, the rich pay more than the poor. A wealthy taxpayer with 100 times more taxable income than his neighbor will pay 100 times more in taxes. Here's a brief guide to the Flat Tax:</p> <p><a href="http://www.heritage.org/research/taxes/bg1866.cfm">http://www.heritage.org/research/taxes/bg1866.cfm</a></p> <p>Thanks for your time</p>
Jason Green	NA	Individual	<p>The FairTax! It eliminates the punishment on productivity that you get from income taxes, the punishment on employment you get from employment taxes and the punishment on investment you get from capital gains taxes. We need the FairTax more than ever! It just makes sense.</p>
shirley dawson	none	Individual	<p>The Economic Advisory Recovery Board needs to consider the FairTax, presently a bill in Congress as HR.25 and S.296. There has been much written about changing the way taxes are collected so as to encourage savings and investment, ,Although the measure replaces business and personal income and payroll taxes with a national retail sales tax, the bill features a prebate. The family is pre-paid for taxes they would be spending on essential items. The FairTax actually benefits low-income families disproportionately. See Tuerck, A Distributional Analysis of</p>

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			the FairTax. The FairTax is the only tax, existing or proposed, that meets all four tax objectives of simplicity, efficiency, economic growth and Fairness.
Barry Kelly	Individual	Individual	Tax simplification is simply not enough. You need to consider a new tax system that will meet the four tax objectives of simplicity, efficiency, economic growth, and fairness. The Fair Tax, as currently presented in HR.25 and S.296, meets the criteria. Please, no more complicated tax system that is easily manipulated to suit special interests. Barry Kelly - Columbia, Missouri
Matt Wilkerson	Americans for Fair Taxation	Non-profit Organization	I respectfully request that the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board consider all or part of the Fair Tax plan (H.R. 25) as a viable tax reform measure. The Fair Tax accomplishes many of the stated goals for PERAB, energizes the domestic economy and sets the country on a path toward an entirely new level of global competitiveness - making the most of what America has to offer. Re-establishing the U.S. as the clear, long-term economic leader of the world has immense value both in terms of domestic prosperity and in terms of international influence - both at the official foreign relations level as well as at the commercial level. The Bush administration did review the Fair Tax plan, but made several significant, invalid assumptions regarding tax deductions and public motivation. Their assessment was inaccurate and lacked the vision required to see the plan for its intended value. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

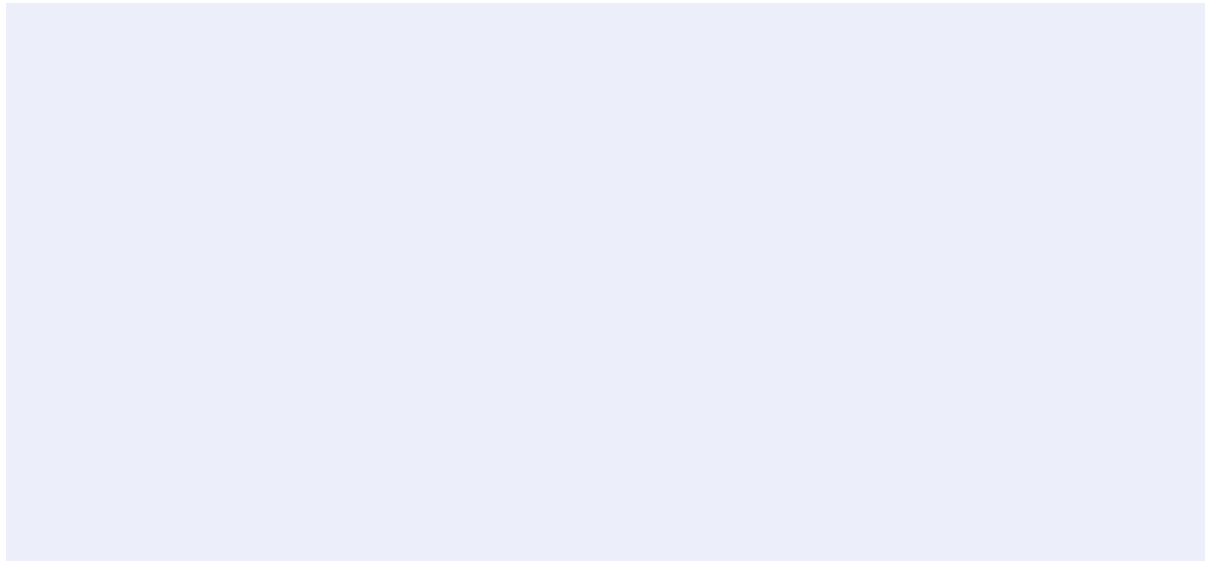
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Respectfully, Matt Wilkerson			
Randall Samuel	Private Citizen	Individual	<p>Please consider H.R.25 - The Fair Tax for Tax Reform.</p> <p>**The Fair Tax will allow businesses to operate with no tax issues. **The Fair Tax will allow people who are employed to keep their full paycheck and stimulate the economy. **With economic stimulus, business will need to hire people to work. **Businesses from other countries will move and operate in the USA. **Everyone who consumes, will pay taxes. **The Fair Tax will provide funds to Social Security which is going bankrupt.</p>
marc manieri	AFFT	Non-profit Organization	<p>The FairTax is the best option - really, the only option - for tax reform. It's fair, intelligent, forward-thinking, transparent. It would literally solve our economic challenges overnight. It's revenue neutral, not taking any \$ away from the federal gov't. The prebate ensures no americans pay taxes on goods up to the poverty level. \$11 Trillion in sheltered wealth flows back into our economy. it's the most incredible stimulus package available to us. why won't democrats look at this? If obama wants to make history and be a 2 term president and actually have the \$ to pay for his health care plan, this is the only way to do it. Go to <a href="http://www.fairtax.org">www.fairtax.org</a> and download the bill...it's only 133 pages!</p>
Margaret Ashbaugh	Individual	Individual	<p>I would like to strongly encourage tax reform similar to the Fair Tax. If I was able to take home my full paycheck I would spend more money at the stores and businesses. I think that a sales tax based plan would be very beneficial.</p>

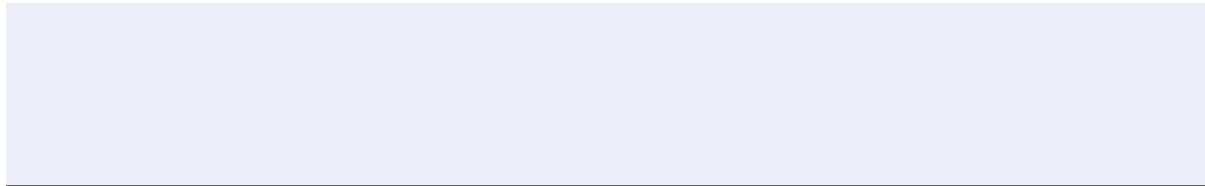
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			<p>think that a sales tax based plan would be very beneficial. Our state would also benefit because tourists would be contributing with a plan like the Fair Tax. The Fair Tax may need a few tweaks but it beats the system we have now hands down. This is the last of September and I have just now resolved my taxes from last year! Without the help of the tax payer advocate I wouldn't even have received the correct refund.....whoever was investigating my return didn't actually bother to fully read the court documentation that explained what years I was to claim my son. I was penalized because my ex-husband filed his taxes before I did and he claimed my son this year when the court papers stated it was my turn to claim my son. There are too, too, too many loopholes and too, too, too many ways people can evade paying their taxes with the current system. With the Fair Tax, taxpayers will be less likely be able to abuse the system.</p>
john scheppers	N/A	Individual	<p>I believe that there is already a bill that was introduced to the ways and means committee; HR.25 and S.296. Congress John Linder wrote the HR.25 bill. This tax bill would bring trillions of dollars back into our economy. It would make the United States a magnet for businesses. Thank you, John Scheppers</p>
Louis Phillipine	Individual	Individual	<p>President Lincoln said, "You can fool all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all the people all of the time." Politicians have amended the federal tax code so many times in an</p>

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effort to keep their political leverage alive that no one fully understands it. We don't need more changes to the code, we need to scrap it and start anew. I am easily fooled until you mention taxes. "Simplifying the code", "tax credits", "economic stimulus checks", and a plethora of other "changes" to the code are simply politicians attempting to "FOOL" all the people. They did manage to FOOL all the people when they passed the 16th amendment and look at the mess it created. My wife and I enjoy casino gaming. Occasionally we get lucky and win an amount that requires us to pay tax. Now, the "code" states we can deduct our losses up to the amount won. Sounds good, doesn't it. But, and it is a big but, when you file your return the amount won is included in your gross income, possibly moving you up another tax bracket. Losses, on the other hand, are claimed on Form D (I believe), other expenses and are calculated to offer little reduction in the tax owed. The whole tax code is an accounting marvel and it works negatively for middle income Americans. Unless you have a mountain of deductions, you pay. After your mortgage is paid; if you are healthy; if you do not donate a large portion of your earnings, you PAY. The income tax has become an acceptable nuisance to most of us. Kind of like a nagging backache; after awhile you get used to it and learn to live with it. Several years ago after retiring we had to pay over \$4,000 in income tax on top of the several thousand dollars we had already paid in. That was the

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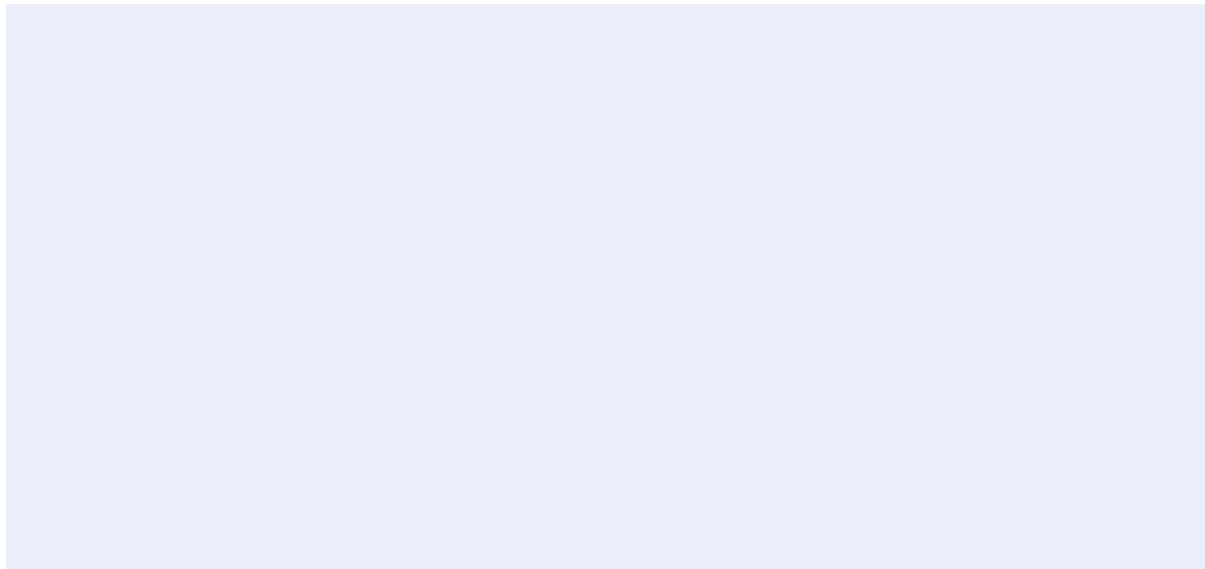
Even though you say you don't want to consider a NEW tax collection method maybe it's time to give serious thought to FairTax. There is NO way to reform the present tax code! Many millions of voters want FairTax. Obama is supposed to be for change. FairTax has so many benefits for our country and is far superior to income tax that our government needs to quit wasting their time and our money trying to do something to our present system to make it work. The only group that wants our present tax code are the lobbyists who work the code to to the benefit of their clients. It's time to do something for the people!

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Robert Martin	Individual	Individual	The Economic Advisory Recovery Board needs to consider the FairTax, presently a bill in Congress as HR.25 and S.296. A national retail sales tax would be simple, TRANSPARENT and fair to everyone. With a prebate function it would also be progressive. We need to stop taxing productivity and hard work and give the people something that will allow them to improve their position in life and begin to fix the disconnect that has occurred in wages between the rich and the working poor. Thank you for tackling tax reform. I hope we are serious about it this time and don't continue to nibble at the edges of a system that is broken beyond repair.
Steve Wells	Southern Pipe and Supply Co. Inc.	Individual	Repeal the Income Tax and adopt the Fair Tax.
Kristie Arslan	National Association for the Self-Employed	Association	Increasingly, entrepreneurs are utilizing their home as a primary place of business. According to research commissioned by the SBA Office of Advocacy, home-based businesses represent 52 percent of all firms and provide 10 percent of the total revenue of the economy. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that nine million of the 17.3 million small businesses in the United States are home-based, and 55 percent are operated by women. Many home-based business owners do not make use of the home office deduction due to it's complexity. The NASE believes that the home office deduction must be simplified to allow home-based businesses to easily utilize this important tax benefit. We propose the creation of a

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			standard deduction option within the range of \$1,250 to \$2,000. Home-based entrepreneurs qualifying for the deduction could choose between the simple, standard deduction or itemizing if they feel they would receive a larger tax benefit. Currently, there is legislation (H.R. 3615) in the U.S. House of Representatives to provide this standard deduction option to home-based entrepreneurs. <a href="http://www.nase.org/About/PressReleases/09-09-25/Legislators_Take_On_Home_Office_Deduction.aspx">http://www.nase.org/About/PressReleases/09-09-25/Legislators_Take_On_Home_Office_Deduction.aspx</a>
Harry Holzer	Georgetown Center on Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy	Non-profit Organization	We propose expanding the childless worker EITC, to benefit those workers and raise their work effort. This is particularly important for low-income men without custody of children, whose employment and labor force activity have drastically declined in recent years as their earnings have declined, and who benefit very little from the current EITC. Details appear in our policy brief, which is available on request. Expanding the EITC to Help More Low-Wage Workers Peter Edelman, Mark Greenberg, Steve Holt, and Harry Holzer* September 2009 In recent years, numerous policy groups, members of Congress, and others have called for expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit for workers without qualifying children, e.g, low-earning single and married workers without children, noncustodial parents, and parents with adult independent children. The American Clean Energy and Security Act, passed by the House of Representatives on June 26, would (among many other things) expand the EITC for these workers.

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The EITC for workers without qualifying children should:

- provide these workers with a strong incentive to enter the labor force and increase hours of work;
- provide a significant wage subsidy to low-earning workers who are working near or at a full-time work level;
- begin phasing out only after an individual is working at a level at least equivalent to full-time minimum wage work;
- apply to both prime-age and younger workers; and
- be effectively coordinated with the Making Work Pay Credit.

The current EITC falls short on all of these goals. The House bill takes significant steps forward, but can be improved.

**Improving the EITC Expansion**

As the Senate considers action on the energy bill, and as Congress and the Obama Administration consider changes in tax policy more broadly for 2010 and beyond, there is an opportunity to build on and improve the approach to the EITC taken by the House. We believe an expanded EITC for workers without qualifying children should:

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Consistent with these principles, we recommend that an expanded EITC for workers without

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James Haynes

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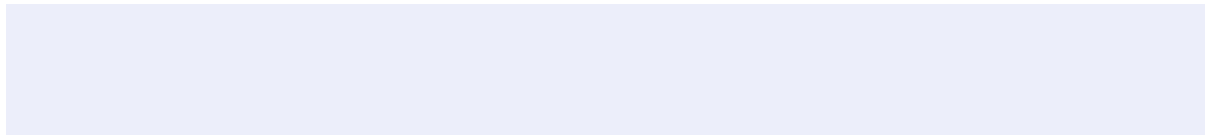
Adopt the Fair Tax a national retail sales tax as it is written in HR 25 and S296. This will do more to energize the economy and reduce costs to the American people than any other proposals including a VAT.

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Kevin Kelly	None	Individual	Modify the existing individual tax scheme to simplify it and broaden the base. Basically, limit deductions and essentially apply a tax on income; similar to a gross receipts type of tax. For corporations, the same applies: broaden the base by limiting deductions and exceptions.
Colin	None	Individual	The Economic Advisory Recovery Board needs to consider the FairTax, presently a bill in Congress as HR.25 and S.296. By changing the way taxes are collected so as to encourage savings and investment, the measure would bring Trillions of dollars into our economy in a matter of months, See Alan Greenspan. Although the measure replaces business and personal income and payroll taxes with a national retail sales tax, the bill features a prebate. The FairTax actually benefits low-income families disproportionately. See Tuerck, A Distributional Analysis of the FairTax. The FairTax is the only tax, existing or proposed, that meets all four tax objectives of simplicity, efficiency, economic growth and Fairness. It is time for the FairTax. Colin, Missouri
Rudy treml	none	Individual	True Tax reform -- pass, as written, the FairTax HR-25 .. Problem solved and many funding issues resolved. Simple, Fair, and transparent.
Michael Seden	Individual	Individual	The Fair Tax Bill H.R. 25 will solve our economic problems (except increased spending) Social Security and Medicare will start to operate in the black within 5 years. The Prebate will reform Medicare. People will have more money to buy health insurance. Everyone (including illegals and

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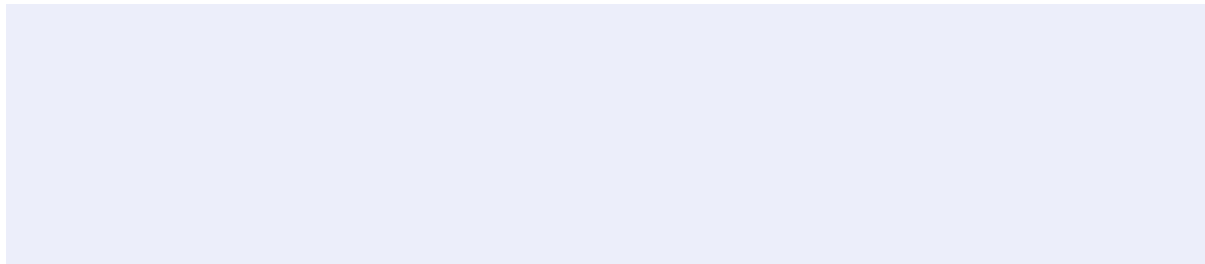
criminals) will pay taxes. Major finding. Their model shows that the FairTax will have a significant and positive impact on the US economy. Domestic Investment “ The FairTax has an immediate and significant impact on investment, raising it 33% above what would occur under the current system. By year 10, total investment is estimated to be over 41% higher. GDP growth with the FairTax is 11.3% higher than under the current tax system. Productivity is expected to increase as a result of higher investment. If higher investment causes a .25% increase in productivity growth, total GDP in year 10 would be 19.14 percent greater. If we add in a reduction in efficiency costs GDP growth would be 16.3% above that expected to occur with the current system in place. The combined effect of these two changes (.25% increase in productivity growth and reduced efficiency costs) results in GDP up to 24.4% greater than under the current system by year 10. Employment - Higher take home wages lead to total employment growth of 3.5% greater than under the current system. By year 10, total employment is 9.0% greater. Wages - Total labor income is 27.4% higher in the first year. By year 10, labor income is over 41% higher. Income - Disposable personal income is 1.7% higher in the first year and by year 10 is 11.8% higher (even after adjusting for a one-time increase in the price level when the FairTax is implemented) Consumption - will be 2.4% higher than under the current system in the first year alone. The

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			<p>increase in consumption arises even though total savings in the economy increases, due to the growth in wealth and international capital flows. The US will attract significant foreign investments. Stock market - The value of equities markets will increase by at least 11.35% in response to the repeal of the capital gains and dividends taxes. Housing - The value of the housing market will increase by 2.2% due to lower interest rates increasing housing affordability despite the elimination of the mortgage interest deduction. Their mode3I shows interest rates declining by 90 basis points.</p>
Andrew Borom	Myself	Individual	<p>Here's my suggestion: 1) Implement the FairTax and eliminate the IRS 2) Eliminate the corporate tax as described here:  <a href="http://www.heritage.org/research/taxes/bg2248.cfm">http://www.heritage.org/research/taxes/bg2248.cfm</a> 3) Watch the US economy explode, and tax revenue go through the roof.</p>
frank gilbert	none	Individual	<p>May I suggest that if you truly want tax reform that will really work, take a long, close, (and fair) look at H25 (the FairTax Act of 2009). It is a vital part of the answer to our economic woes. Couple that with freezing spending at 2007 levels and we will be well on the way back to economic recovery.</p>
Sophie Sedlak	None	Individual	<p>Pass HR 25 - The Fair Tax. You will grow the economy by returning Americans back to work. Let the foreign companies hire Americans in America.</p>
Greg Hughes	US TAX PAYER	Individual	<p>Pass the FAIRTAX BILL and Save America. Stop taxing</p>

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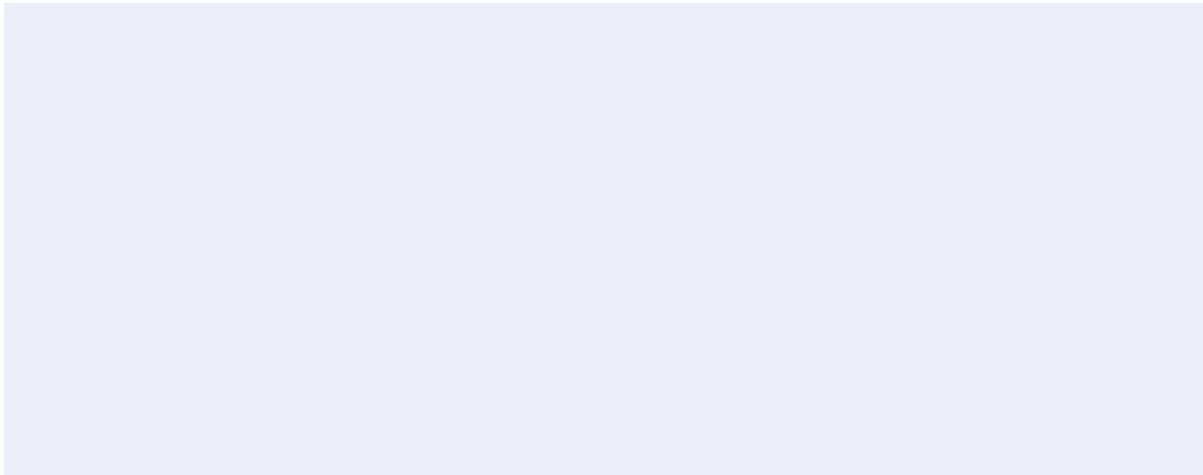




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	and a Lifetime Voter		American to death. Stop Spending money that we do not have.
Jacob Rutledge	Jacob and Holly Rutledge	Individual	H.R.25 (the FairTax bill) is the ONLY tax reform that is needed to help this country move forward and to turn this economy around. The only people that could disagree with the FairTax are either uninformed about the bill and all of its advantages or are worried that it strips the government of its power to manipulate the tax code to cater to special interests, and the power of re-election that goes along with this manipulation. I challenge ANYONE in the capital of this Great Nation to dispute the advantages of the FairTax bill....
Charles Arnett	none	Individual	Please consider the Fair tax proposal in HR-25. This is a modification of the current methods that will not result in an increase in taxes for those under 250K a year. This is a reformation of the current system which is impossible to understand with its extensive length. A simpler tax code such as th Fair Tax would be easy to enforce and increase the federal income. The Federal income would increase due to growth in business and commerce. More consumption would be driven by the new tax model as more individuals would have an increase in disposable income.
Anthony Holbrook	Georgians for Fair Taxation	Non-profit Organization	This is to remind you that each of you in Washington DC works for the American public. Saying that I think that putting limitations on the suggestions that we can make in response to tax reform is not representing us, but telling us

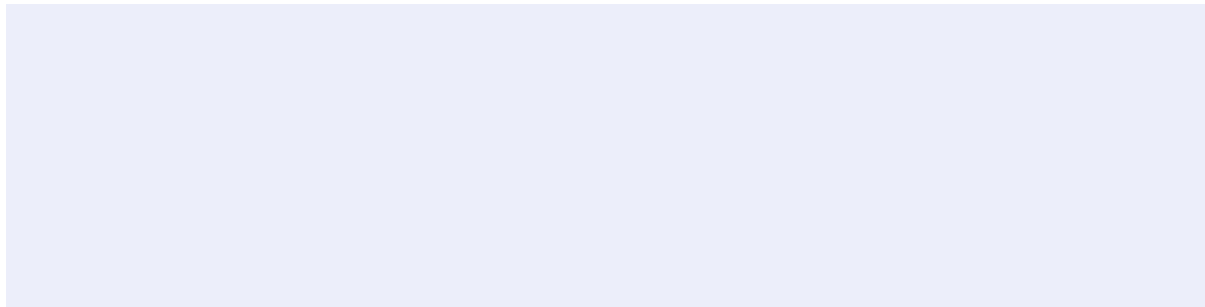
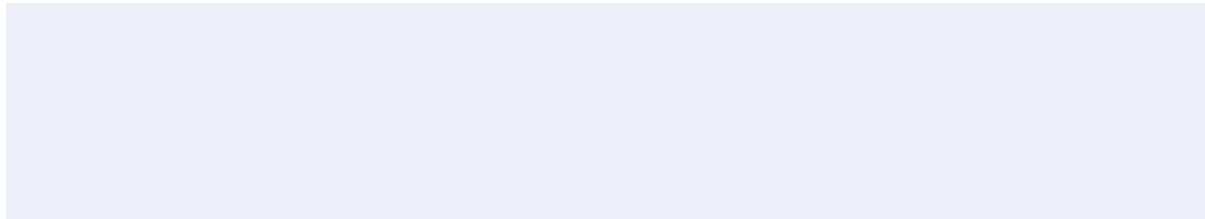
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			<p>the limits you will accept is shoving your tax code down our throats. The American public is ready for a drastic change. That change will come in the 2010 elections if not before. When you, our hired and elected representatives wake up and realize who you actually work for your job will be more secure. Ok now to my Tax Reform suggestion.... Bring HR-25 and the sister bill in the senate to the committee and eliminate the 60,000 plus pages to uncompliable code. Replace it with 136 pages of the FairTax code and energize our economy, bring our jobs back to the USA and unemployment will drop to record lows.</p>
Randall Dodd	AARP MEMBER	Non-profit Organization	BRING HR-25 up for a vote. This bill is the best hope for America, especially the poor.
Rob Sama	The samaBlog	Individual	<p>I keep getting this error trying to upload: Attachment is larger than the maximum allowable file size. Please limit your file to a size of 0KB or less. That makes no sense. In any event, you can see proposal online here:</p> <p><a href="http://samablog.rob sama.com/?p=4237">http://samablog.rob sama.com/?p=4237</a></p>
Kim Kilgallen	none	Individual	HR 25 the FAIRTAX ! FAIRTAX.....FAIRTAX Read it.....it will provide funding for all our programs
Randy Engwall	Myself	Individual	<p>Please consider HR-25 The Fair Tax. It is the only way to turn around this economy in a fair and balanced manner. If you raise taxes on the so-called rich they will find other ways to protect their money. They didn't get rich by being stupid. Can't get water from a stone either so you are not going to get any from the poor. That leaves the poor middle class with carrying the load as always. The middle</p>

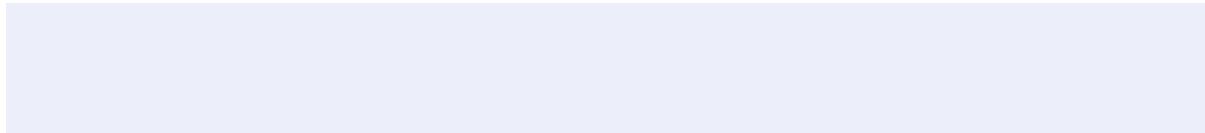
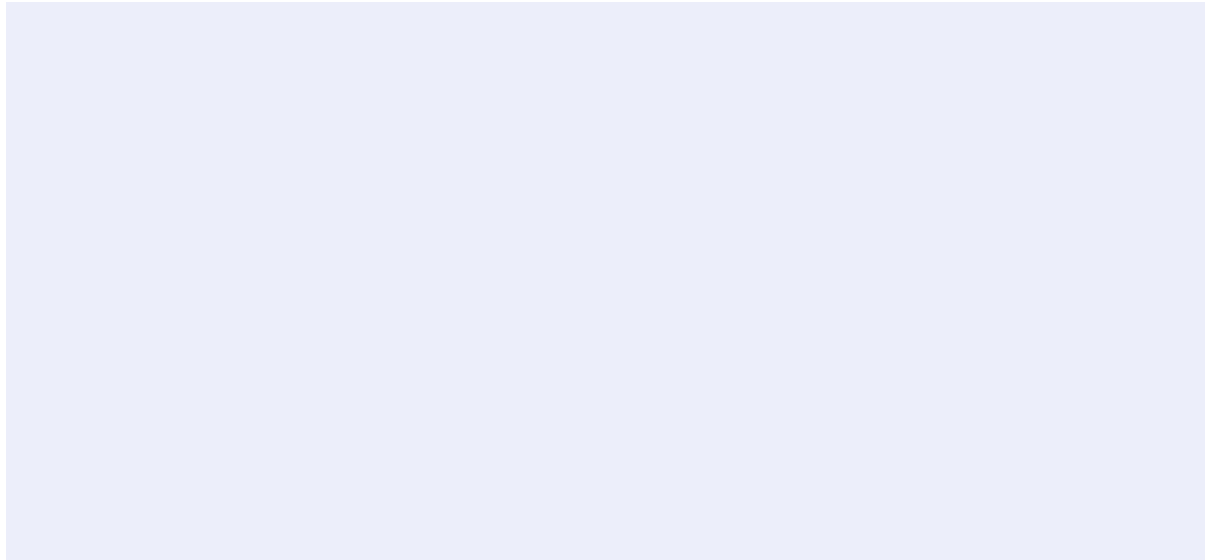
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			class is getting really tired of carrying the load though as you have seen by the tea party protests. Oh, and its not racially motivated either. We wholeheartedly disagree on principle not the color of the presidents skin. That is the biggest bunch of baloney that has been trotted out there and I frankly am quite offended by it. My best friends are black and we belong to a church that is probably 95% black as well and love it. Most of them, quite frankly, voted for the President also but that doesn't mean that we cannot get along and worship the same God. I'm getting off on a rant now. Anyway, please give the Fair Tax an honest look. That is all that we ask. Sincerely and respectfully...Randy Engwall
Rockey Fox	Individual	Individual	HR 25 is already active in congress and is currently the best plan for improving our current burdensome and inefficient tax system.
Charles R Croft	N/A	Individual	Fair Tax would be hands the best tax system for America and our economy.
Elizabeth Brady Woods	EBi	Individual	The only fair and just way to tax is a flat percentage of anyone's income over the poverty level. Taxes on cigarettes and alcohol are a good idea. Any luxury tax is appropriate. Sales tax on neccessities like milk, bread, vegetables etc. should be removed. Plain and simple.
Anne Nowland	Concerned Citizen	Individual	I would love to see taxes reformed. I am a supporter of the fairtax for that reform. I feel the fairtax would make drastic improvements to the tax system.

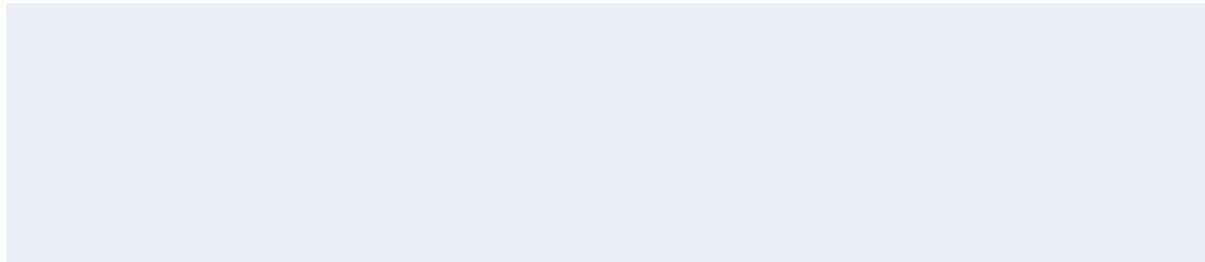
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Robert Walter	US Citizen	Individual	Throw the whole tax system out. Promot HR-25, and S-1025 and read Congressman Linderâ€™s bill.
John	rpi	Individual	Time to treat everyone as equals and go with a flat tax rate for all. Then we can eliminate most of the "tax professionals".
Vickie Orme	citizen	Individual	How about taxing everyone equally no matter how much they make. Perhaps 10% is a good target amt. The middle class can handle no more taxing.
Tom Brown	Retired scientist	Government	I advocate for House Bill 25, The FairTax Act. That would solve most of the current problems. It would grow the economy, would create jobs, would bring investment dollars back for overseas, and would strengthen the Social Security System. And it would remove over \$300 billion in overhead costs by individuals and businesses that is inherent in our existing tax code.
Jim Taylor	Unemployed Sales Rep	Individual	As I have studied taxation, it seems to me that if we tax consumption rather than product, we will not only gain more federal income, but we will also help put more money in every working Americans paycheck, as well as entice businesses to stay in (or come back to) the US rather than look for tax havens such as Denmark.
Jerry Nobles	individual	Individual	Think of reforming the tax code as cleaning out a dirty closet. Take everything out of the closet until nothing is left; you must start with an empty slate. Decide what is essential, put it back in. The question then becomes what is essential. This is not too difficult if you let the constitution guide you. You must not let special interests

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constitution guide you. You must not let special interests have a say in what goes in the tax code. This is contrary to 'We, the people'. Do not tax or untax what you think would benefit a particular activity or industry. The citizenry, with its breadth of purchase power, will make economic decisions much, much more soundly than an insulated and lobbied lawmaker. You can make an effective code less than 100 pages if you so desire. Let's see if that is your desire.

Carolyn Walter

Fair Tax Grassroots

Non-profit  
Organization

This one is easy. Read Congressman John Linders bill, HR-25 S1025. This will generate more revenue for the country than what we have now! But you will never know unless you read the bill.

MAurice A. Wolf

U.S. Citizen

Individual

The President during the political campaign gave me the impression that we should pay taxes according to our means. I also believe that a top tax of 50-75% on the very wealthy is not unfair as they the wealthy basically earn thier income off the backs of the middle class and the poor. They should give this surplus income back to the middle class the poor in the form of i taxation according to ones means. I don't believe that the wealthy are going to stop producing wealth because taxes are too high. I am not saying that we should not have a wealthy class, it is the way the world works but to have the wealthy disgustedly rich and we should have people living on the streets and people, our brothers and our sisters, living without proper medical, without food, clothes and proper shelter makes

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			me ashamed for the United States of America. The same also applies to medical insurance. We need infrastructure, medical protection. We all use it. Why should not all pay according to our means. The answer mr. President is that we are run by a congress of multi millionaires or about to become multimillionaires who are more interested in making more and more money; rather than helping the people of the United States of America. I am my brothers keeper. Look at my tax return. Respectfully submitted Maurice A. Wolf
Patrick Earnest	No Organization	Individual	There are three ideas for tax reform I believe PERAB should consider. The first idea is increasing the exemption for individual taxpayers to be more in line with its historical origins. In 1918, only 5 percent of the population paid income taxes and yet the income tax funded one-third of the cost of World War I. One way to both simplify taxes for many and increase compliance would be to increase the individual exemption so that the average taxpayer would not need to file a tax return every year. If the individual exemption was set at the national median income, the amount of income taxes collected would fall by about 1/5th, while the number of taxpayers no longer having to file would fall by half. The fall in income taxes collected could be offset by higher tax rates on higher brackets, and some of that income tax collection reduction would be offset by the increased economic activity due to the large tax cut on a segment of the population more likely to consume. The

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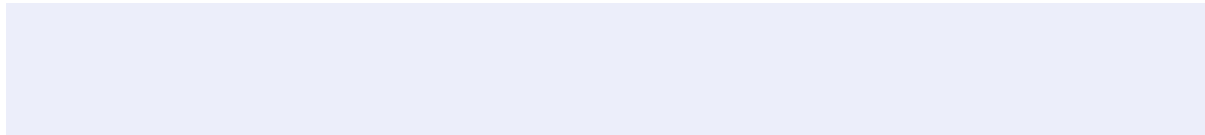
second idea is to cease taxing capital gains or dividends at different rate, and tax all kinds of income under the same scale. Instead of paying separate tax rates on capital gains, both wages and capital gains would be lumped together as income. Whether you earned \$25,000 in wages and \$25,000 in capital gains, or \$10,000 in wages and \$40,000 in capital gains, it would all be treated as \$50,000 in income. This would cease favoring income from investment under the tax code, and instead treat low capital gains income the same as low wage earners. Combining this second idea with the first would maximize the effects of both of these efforts. Neither low wage earners nor low capital gains earners should be taxed at high rates if that is all the income they have. Instead, we should only tax individuals at higher rates if their total income is higher, and not just base it on the kind of income it is. The third and last idea I believe PERAB should consider is either reducing the number of tax brackets, or creating more new tax brackets on the extreme upper end of income distribution. Because there are differing sensitivity to income taxation, the Board should consider whether the current tax brackets take that sensitivity into account. With \$372,950 being the beginning of the top tax bracket, that fails to take into account that insensitivity that ultra-high income individuals exhibit to increases in income tax. Perhaps a 50% tax bracket could begin at the \$20 million income mark, but a higher tax bracket should be

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Michael Gaspard	self	Individual	<p>considered starting at the top 0.1% income of all taxpayers. Thank you for your consideration of these reforms.</p> <p>To collect unpaid taxes, the IRS in part relies upon debt collection agencies, who are then paid more than 20% of what is collected. And billions remain uncollected each year. Instead, why not rely upon the local police to knock on debtors' doors? (Why not handcuff the perpetrators?) Pay the 20% of what is collected to the local police, rather than to debt collectors. If the local police were to get involved, then, would billions remain uncollected each year? Unlikely. And money would be saved.</p>
Oakey Crider	Concerned Citizen	Individual	<p>Simply remove all second job deductions from those whose gross incomes are over \$250k. No exceptions please. Thank You</p>
Helen Lang	citizen	Individual	<p>The Alternative minimum tax (1969 origins), should be appropriately indexed for inflation. All Americans should pay their fair share of personal income tax, but this tax is now affecting those tax payers who are not truly wealthy.</p>
Claudia Lewis	none	Individual	<p>Want a National Sales Tax Only. No Forms. Pay at point of sale. Exempt food. He who consumes the most pays the most</p>
Rachael Montague	citizen	Individual	<p>Please consider taxing large corporations for pollution and global warming. The extra revenue can go to green research, replanting forests and offering money to citizens for green reform on their homes (e.g. breaks on solar and rainwater collection systems). The environment is in bad shape, many animals are going extinct. Please tax</p>

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george f. behler jr.	u.s.taxpayer	Government	<p>shape, many animals are going extinct. Please tax corporations to fix our environment.</p> <p>How about a flat income tax of 14%, .Across the board 2% less for each additional family member with no deductions &amp; no loopholes. ---The Tax Forms could all be on one page----</p>
Diane Shumans	none	Individual	<p>I submit that a flat tax plan could be designed so all pay 10% of gross payroll for tax, then a 5% sales tax on all except food and medicine, it could be enough without all the complex tax laws and loop-holes....try it for 5 years ande see</p>
john Burchill	FairTax.org	Non-profit Organization	<p>Dear PERAB Members; Thank you for the opportunity to add mt comments about the reform of our tax process to your deliberations. I want to strongly recommend that you adopt the FairTax proposal presently in Congress under HR-25 and S-295. This proposal is co-sponsored by over 55 Congressmen and Senators. The FairTax proposal would provide the same income to the Federal Government as the present "broken" system but would generate this income from the Consumption economy which is approximately TWICE the size of the Income economy. Thus the benefit to all Americans would be required a smaller "tax" contribution by each citizen. In order to tap the Consumption economy the FairTax would introduce a Consumption Tax that would Tax the purchase of all NEW products and services. The only exception would be Education as it is considered an investment. The</p>

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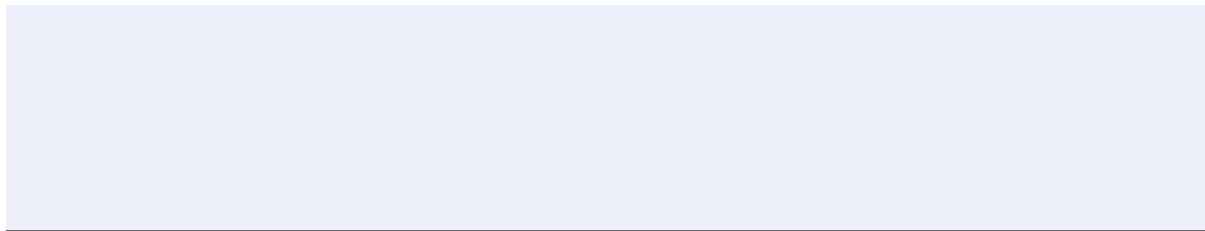
elimination of all present payroll and income based taxes would reduce the embedded cost in all products and services resulting in a reduction in the price of these products and services. The FairTax proposal is often criticized as been a regressive tax, because low-income citizens would use a higher proportion of their income to pay this tax. This criticism is used by those who do not understand that one of the provision of the FairTax is to pay a PREBATE to all Legal Social Security holders. This PREBATE would rebate the tax that would be due on all expenditures up to the poverty level of the household. I.E. If the poverty level of a household is determined to be \$40,000 and the Consumption Tax is assumed to be 23% the PREBATE would be 23% of \$40,000=\$9,000.00. This would be paid "in advance" at the rate of \$766.66 per Month. In addition, the adoption of The FairTax would eliminate all personal and Corporate Income and Payroll taxes. Thus individuals would receive 100% of their Pay in their check and corporations would eliminate the Billions of dollars they presently spend preparing Tax returns. The adoption of The FairTax will increase jobs as companies will hurry to set up factories and offices in The US because such a Tax regimen will be very attractive to them to lower cost by the elimination of the in bedded cost of our present tax system that exists in all products and services. Trillions of dollars will also return to this country that are presently help off-shore for tax reasons. Everyone, taxpayers and

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			<p>politicians agree that the present Tax system is broken. The 76,000 pages of tax codes is impossible to use and cost a huge amount to administer. The FairTax would be collected at the point of transaction, just like the present Sales Tax in most of the States. The elimination of the IRS would free up government personnel for other duties without increasing the size of the government. Finally I realize that adopting the FairTax will eliminate a major source of power enjoyed by Congress as there will be no more special tax deals for anyone. BUT, it will return the power to the people as the Constitution originally required. Please make sure The FairTax is high on your list of recommendations. Yours Sincerely; John Burchill FairTax District Director. New jersey Congressional District #7.</p>
Mike Finch	None	Individual	<p>I think that it would be a good idea to require high government officials like cabinet secretaries and congressmen to pay their taxes. As a lowly private citizen, I am sickened that the big wigs aren't required to pay the very same taxes that I am required to pay. I support yearly audits of all government big wigs and prison terms for any that are found to have made more than a \$100 mistake on their taxes.</p>
Gene Baldassari	Baldassari for Assembly 2009	Non-profit Organization	<p>There are two major drags to the economy when it comes to taxes. One - the confiscation of wealth and Two - the accounting, legal, and government abuse problems that always accompany taxes. Combined, these two factors destroy freedoms. They have put America on a downward</p>

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			spiral as we move away from being the greatest country that ever existed. Between 1980 and 1995, about \$30 Million dollars was spent by various citizen groups - funded by small, private dollars - to determine that the income tax was a major drag on the economy and one of the greatest grabs on freedom. They came up with an idea that is now known as the "Fair Tax" and is sponsored by about 58 Congressmen - HR 25. If you are really serious about fixing America, the ONLY way to put us back on track is to begin with the elimination of the income tax. Now that the well researched economic studies are available to prove how this tax has destroyed America, anyone who ignores the need to eliminate the tax cannot possibly be a responsible American.
Jim Bennett	Americans for Fair Taxation	Non-profit Organization	The Economic Advisory Recovery Board needs to consider the FairTax, presently a bill in Congress as HR.25 and S.296. By changing the way taxes are collected so as to encourage savings and investment, the measure would bring Trillions of dollars into our economy in a matter of months, See Alan Greenspan. Although the measure replaces business and personal income and payroll taxes with a national retail sales tax, the bill features a prebate. The FairTax actually benefits low-income families disproportionately. See Tuerck, A Distributional Analysis of the FairTax. The FairTax is the only tax, existing or proposed, that meets all four tax objectives of simplicity, efficiency, economic growth and Fairness. It is time for the

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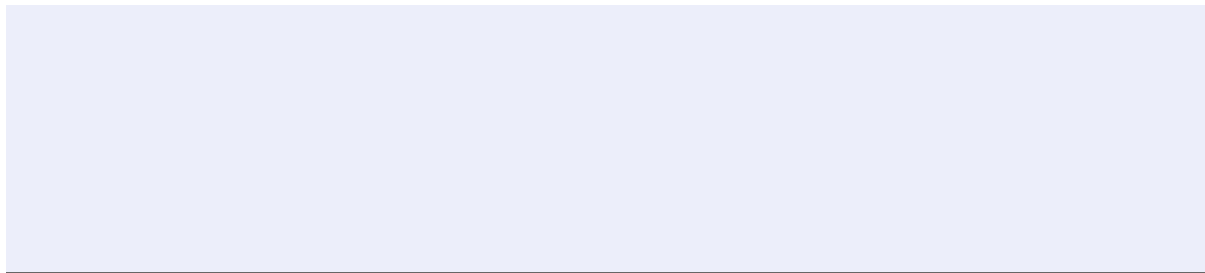




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			FairTax. ~James M. Bennett Co-State Volunteer Director Americans for Fair Taxation 38 Fairview Ave Summit NJ 0790-11728
Christine Germann	Private Citizen	Individual	I have been looking into the number of tax reform options being suggested and have found that the Fair Tax proposed by Sen. John Linder, and endorsed by many, including a long list of economists, politicians and business people, to be a comprehensive tax reform plan. As a hard working middle class American, I am in support of the Fair Tax for a variety of reasons, among which are: its simplicity of compliance (no need to fill out complicated tax forms each year); no complicated tax code which allows some to hide or reduce income to avoid paying taxes; tax revenue being collected by all who spend money in this country, include illegal immigrants who currently pay no federal taxes, yet are able to benefit from the services which those taxes are meant to fund. I am no expert on the Fair Tax, but I know that there are many people well versed in the plan who are better able to discuss its benefits. If the President is serious about truly reforming our current tax system, then serious consideration needs to be given to the Fair Tax.
Samuel Ross	N/A	Individual	Why not implement the fair tax?? Not only will it reduce the costs of collecting taxes, but it will help stimulate the economy by giving people more money upfront. It will allow small businesses to reduce their own costs in payroll and help them invest more money into their overhead. Too many people have found ways to avoid paying taxes with

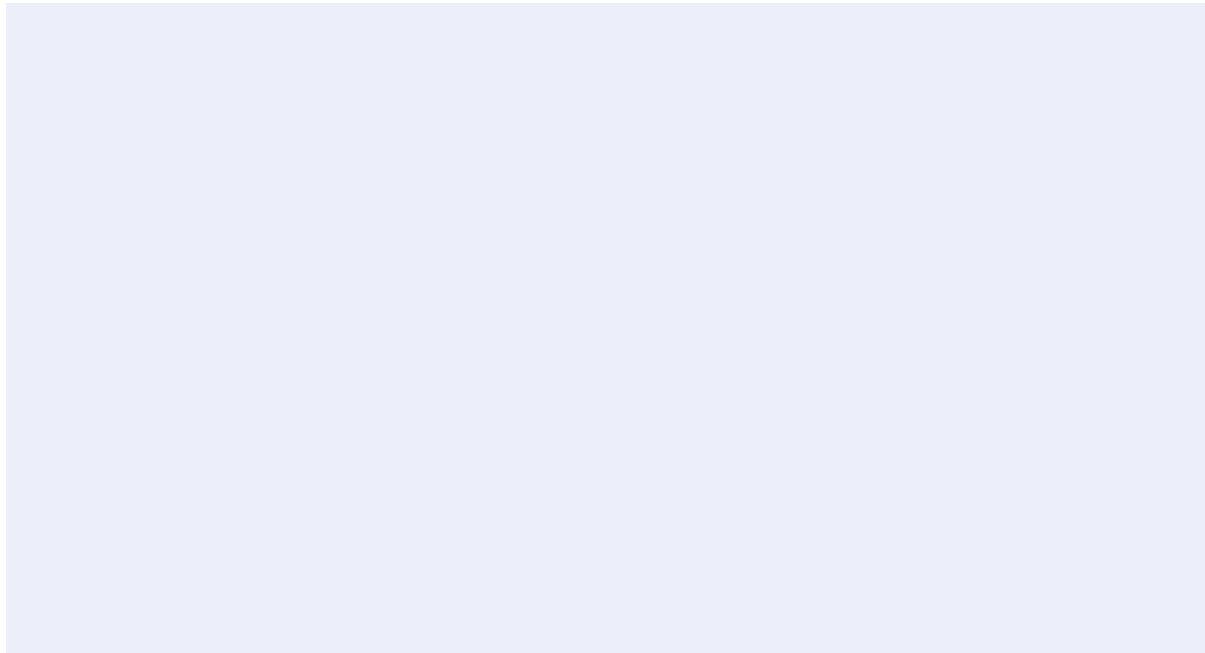
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			the current system and there is virtually no way to get around a sales tax system.
tom sulcer	I'm just me	Individual	Best idea -- FairTax. It collapses the 70,000 page tax code into a few hundred pages. It taxes consumption, improves savings, vastly SIMPLIFIES taxes, lets government get same \$ as before. I am a handyman who has to spend \$750 each year for an accountant to do my wife's and my taxes -- some parts of which I don't understand (eg what is "passive income"?) -- with FairTax, I wouldn't have to spend days each year tallying numbers or hiring an accountant. Please pass FAIRTAX. -- tom sulcer, summit NJ
Matt Lykken	SharedEconomicGrowth.org	Non-profit Organization	Please consider the Shared Economic Growth proposal, explained in detail at <a href="http://www.sharedeconomicgrowth.org">www.sharedeconomicgrowth.org</a> . The full draft bill and bill summary are available on request (the web site would not in fact accept the 5 page Word attachment). The proposal consists of a corporate dividends paid deduction with certain highly affordable offsets, leaving the balance of our current tax system in place - a radical improvement in the attractiveness of America as an investment location, without a radical or risky change to our overall tax system The following is just a partial list of the benefits of the Shared Economic Growth proposal: > It would maximize America's competitive ability and allow corporate cash to flow into our economy. While Congress has been struggling to reduce our corporate tax rate to the 28% range in a revenue neutral

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manner, SEG would effectively reduce it to zero. By using offsets that are only feasible with a dividends paid deduction, it does this while staying revenue neutral on a static basis in the short run, and strongly revenue positive as the baby boomers retire. > It would help to close the tax gap, giving corporations incentive to maximize the income allocated to the U.S., undermining the incentive to engage in corporate shelters, and eliminating a major category of individual shelters. This would produce free revenue and would enable reallocation of IRS resources to under-audited areas. > It is simple and low risk. It is a 3 page bill (attached) that leaves the existing tax system intact, unlike consumption tax proposals “ and it still leaves room for imposition of a VAT. By reducing the stakes, it would also set the stage for sweeping simplification of the corporate tax system and the taxation of individual investment income. > By providing a one-time boost of up to 54% in the value of U.S. equities, it would restore solvency to state and private pension plans and reward middle income savers “ and provide future revenue (\$22.2 billion computed on a static basis for the 2006 numbers) as retirees collect their enhanced or preserved retirement income. > By providing a tax incentive to locate high margin operations in the U.S., it would restore market power to U.S. employees, using a market mechanism to reverse the flat-lining of U.S. incomes and the unhealthy concentration of wealth at the

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			<p>top. (Cf. Goolsbee, A. "Investment Subsidies and Wages in Capital Goods Industries: To the Workers Go the Spoils?"; Nicodeme, G. "European Commission Taxation Paper No. 15: Corporate Income Tax and Economic Distortions".) &gt; It would eliminate the disparate treatment of debt and equity, undoing the incentive to over-leverage corporations and increasing focus on reliable cash income. &gt; By eliminating stock buy-backs it would stop a hidden and unjustified driver of executive compensation, forcing management to achieve real income growth in order to be rewarded. &gt; While it is not a Robin Hood proposal, it would increase the progressivity of the U.S. tax system, while more importantly boosting employee market power. &gt; It is designed by experienced corporate tax attorneys, has been favorably received by corporate tax VPs, and would receive quick acceptance and support by the corporate community. &gt; Because the proposal would effectively eliminate a tax that economists of all stripes believe to be economically harmful, if every other country "retaliated" by making the same change, the world economy and the world's wage earners would benefit.</p>
Billie Jones	ACORN	Non-profit Organization	Abolish loopholes, deductions, and exemptions.
brayden Sears	N/A	Individual	I think as a country the USA should make a fare 30% tax on the income of every citizen no matter if they make \$1,000 a year of \$1,000,000. that is the most fare way to do things.

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G de Grandis

One Man

Individual

1. Every adult US resident should have a tax burden. There are underlying benefits to residency that everyone in America experiences and each individual shoulder part of the cost, no matter how small. 2. No American should have a cumulative tax burden of over 50% of earnings. No matter how wealthy or high an income, one should earn more for themselves than the government. This encourages investment in the country and motivates the innovators to continue improving the nation. Poor property ownership choices aside, assume 15% to the state and local sources, and keep the effective income tax rates below 35% including FICA for everyone. 3. Roll FICA taxes into the federal income tax and treat all personal income sources as equal. Whether earned as capital gains, income or dividends, the tax rates should be equivalent. This would reduce the administration burden and increase government income by rendering useless the structural games played by the wealthy. 4. Reduce taxes on business. They are high relative to the OECD, represent double taxation and are destroying job growth.

Brion

Levitsky

Individual

Across the board 3% national sales tax on everything but food. Zero income tax up to \$100,000 for individuals and 150K for married couples. After that, graduating incremental tax increases of 1% for every additional 25 thousand dollars of additional income above the 100K or 150K. A single person making 125K (or married couple making 175K) pays a flat 1%, no deductions of any kind. At

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			<p>150K, 2%; 175K-3% etc. So at \$400K, they would be paying a flat 12%, no deductions. There is a cap somewhere around the 35-40% point. People making \$1 Million would be paying \$360K or 36% per year in taxes. Maybe the increment needs to be 35-40K rather than 25K. Maybe certain deductions are allowable, maybe. The idea is to focus on the national sales tax and to keep spending dollars in the pockets of the middle class. This is what will drive the economy and while the very wealthy may be paying high taxes as a result of no deductions, I believe they will still do extremely well as a direct and indirect result of the robustness of the middle class; after all they ARE at the top of the pyramid.</p>
Cal Greco	Human Race	Individual	<p>Maybe since we call ourselves the United States we should Tax everyone the same! The CIA website defines our Government as a Federal Republic with a hint of Democracy? But what kind of Democracy?, Socialist? The problem with the federal government handing the States money to implement federal government programs breeds mis-managment. Our fear of communism has caused this country to go astray. It should not be about ethnicity or race, Republican or Democrat or any other party. It should not be about religion but simply about being FAIR! It was not fair to bail out any of the financial or automotive companies at the expense of the American public! Especially when most of the companies were dishonest and some even criminals. But it is also unfair to Tax</p>

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wealthy people more especially if they earned it honestly. All you hear about is the middle class; what about the Poor? I'm poor; I am on Social Security Disability and only 45 years old. I lost everything my home, my car, my health insurance and savings. I could not use the \$8000.00 Home Tax credit or \$4000.00 for cash for clunkers but some people could; good for them but was and is that FAIR? I say NO! I say the Federal Government owes me \$12,000.00. I live under the federal poverty level for a single person about \$8,600.00 a year there is no help for me from my State of PA. for job training, re-education, so I can't contribute to the GNP (Gross National Product) so I am punished by State and Federal Government basically held an economic prisoner of war. But the State Agencies that implement all the Federal Programs use me to pad thier \$50,000. to \$100,000.00 dollar a year jobs and give nothing back. These middle class Americans that use me and the Rich people for thier own needs! Is that fair? What encentive do the wealthy have to give back and help their impoverished fellow americans when they are unfairly Taxed more than the lower and middle class Americans! The federal Government should let States implement the programs themselves but should be watched by the Feds for abuse! This is not happening in this country. My state violates my constitutional rights everyday and the Federal Government doesn't care! Respectfully President Obama has missed the point Health care should not be universal it

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John F. Graham

Ansett

Business

15% flat tax. If you are going to incorporate concepts that actually have a successful track record in other countries, implement this one. Refer to Steve Forbes' economic expertise on this and dismiss political ideology. See that fair is fair, across the board for all.

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Brandy Leigh Hoover	none	Individual	First--tax all income, not just wages and salary. Second, eliminate the Social Security income tax cap and use part of that revenue to pay states to abolish sales taxes, which are the most regressive taxes of all, save for perhaps property taxes. Third, create a higher tax bracket for the ultra-wealthy. The billionaires survived and prospered well during the middle of the 20th century when they were taxed at 70-90%. I think that a 60% tax bracket for the ultra-wealthy is more than fair.
Mary Heil	Self	Individual	I believe we should encourage unemployed people to form small businesses individually or with others by simplifying and reducing taxes for non-W2 income. The current method for figuring 1099 and other non-W2 income is complex and I know several people who have ended up in trouble with the IRS, owing huge penalties, because of honest mistakes on their tax forms. In addition, the 1099 tax rate is nearly twice the W2 tax rate for people earning under \$50,000. In my opinion, this can only stifle entrepreneurs and encourage "under the table" work that yields no taxes at all. People who want to earn money by working instead of collecting unemployment should be rewarded, not punished. Lowered tax rates and straightforward tax calculation would do this. I say this all as a far left Democrat who believes taxes are an investment and unemployment insurance is a good idea. It still makes sense to encourage as many people as possible to use their talents to earn what they can during

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			<p>this period of massive unemployment in the formal economy, and pay reasonable taxes on their earnings in the informal economy.</p>
Victor Thuronyi	none	Individual	<p>In an article published in Tax Notes on June 8, 2009, I argue that taxing capital gains at death is key to making the tax system simpler, more progressive, and more effective in raising revenue. Of course, it is not just a matter of repealing the step-up in basis rule. Many other changes would have to be made, including much more extensive mark-to-market taxation. I am also working on a short note on how the tax reform process can be better planned, and will share that when it is done.</p>
Andrew Asnip	self	Individual	<p>The best Tax Reform would be immediate implementation of the Fair Tax H.R.25. The IRS is an inefficient, unwieldy organization at best. And the Income Tax is a Gordian Knot of tax laws so complex, that nobody understands them fully, especially the IRS! It's time to wipe the slate clean and start over with a truly equitable solution. The Fair Tax already has bipartisan support from 56 sponsors in Congress.</p>
Edward	American Citizen	Individual	<p>What about this. A tax system for property (or even income I suppose) that allows people to lock in a rate that will be better for them if they pay in advance than if they wait to pay the increased rate every year or however often their state re-assesses. (This may not work for all states ie CA, which I hear does not re-assess until the property changes hands). This will allow an influx of much needed cash to</p>

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			the gov. and get some of the money that is tied up in ultra-wealthy back into the system. While this may result in a net loss over time for the gov. it could provide an immediate income of real money. This most likely would not apply to middle and lower middle class and on down. It may be appealing to those who have high taxes and a lot of cash on hand who are looking to defray future costs for themselves and their eventual estate.
Jeffrey T Dahl Sr	Self	Individual	it has all been figured out for you , right here... Fairtax.org
Matthew Netzley	Myself	Individual	A flat tax for everyone, 25% of your income with no benefits or deductions. No paperwork. No IRS. No more spending Millions just to collect.
Froggy	peace man	Individual	Tax the rich! tax the rich! tax the rich!. oh please please please tax the rich. I want the economy to sink further!
Andrew Oh-Willeke	None	Individual	Proposal: Adopt a single simplified self-employment taxation rule applicable to S Corporations and to limited liability entities taxed as partnerships. Under these rules: 1. Partnerships should be permitted to have partners as employees, and to pay them interest on loans, as opposed to paying them guaranteed payments for services reported on form K-1, if desired. S corporations are required to take this approach with no ill effect. 2. All K-1 income from purely passive investment activities (like rents, royalties, interest, dividends and capital gains) should not be subject to self-employment taxation. 3. All K-1 income from active conduct of a trade or business should be subject to self-employment taxation if the recipient or the recipient's

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employment taxation if the recipient or the recipient's spouse is an employee of that trade or business, or actively participates in conducting that trade or business.

Reasoning: Self-employment taxation rules are one of the leading drivers of choice of entity decisions for small businesses (generally favoring S corporations). There is no policy reason to make this distinction, and having two sets of rules encourages expensive gamesmanship to shift income between the two regimes. In general, self-employment taxation obligations (or equivalent FICA taxation) should be indifferent to form of entity or formal employment status. Wage and salary compensation of employees, and interest income on debt, is well understood by almost all business taxpayers. Partnership taxed entities often have these kinds of transactions with non-owners anyway. But, the notion of a "guaranteed payment" used by partnership taxation is foreign to almost everyone but tax professionals and financial deal makers. Yet, with the rise of the LLC and LLP, more and more taxpayers are conducting business in the partnership form from a tax perspective. This would legitimize a harmless error that many taxpayers make inadvertently every year, and reduce the need for entity level legal documentation. The distinction between self-employment income and non-self-employment income proposed is similar to one that is been considered by the Treasury Department in regulations for LLCs for some time, but these regulations have lingered in

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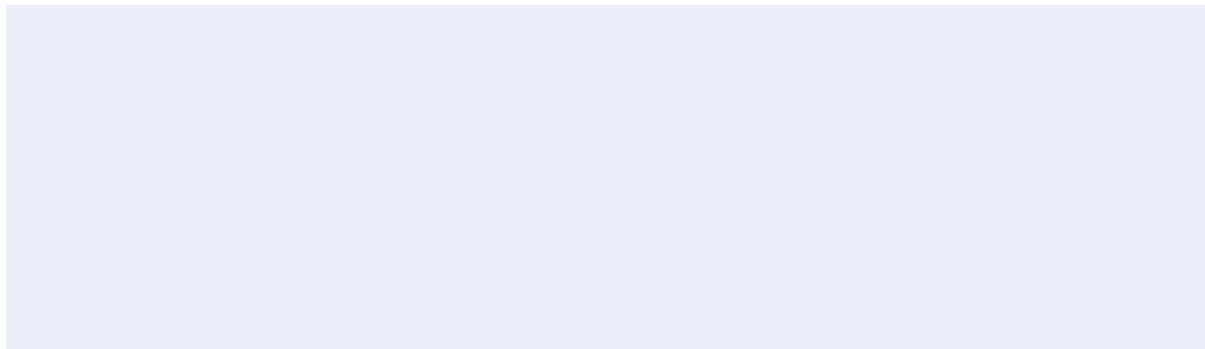
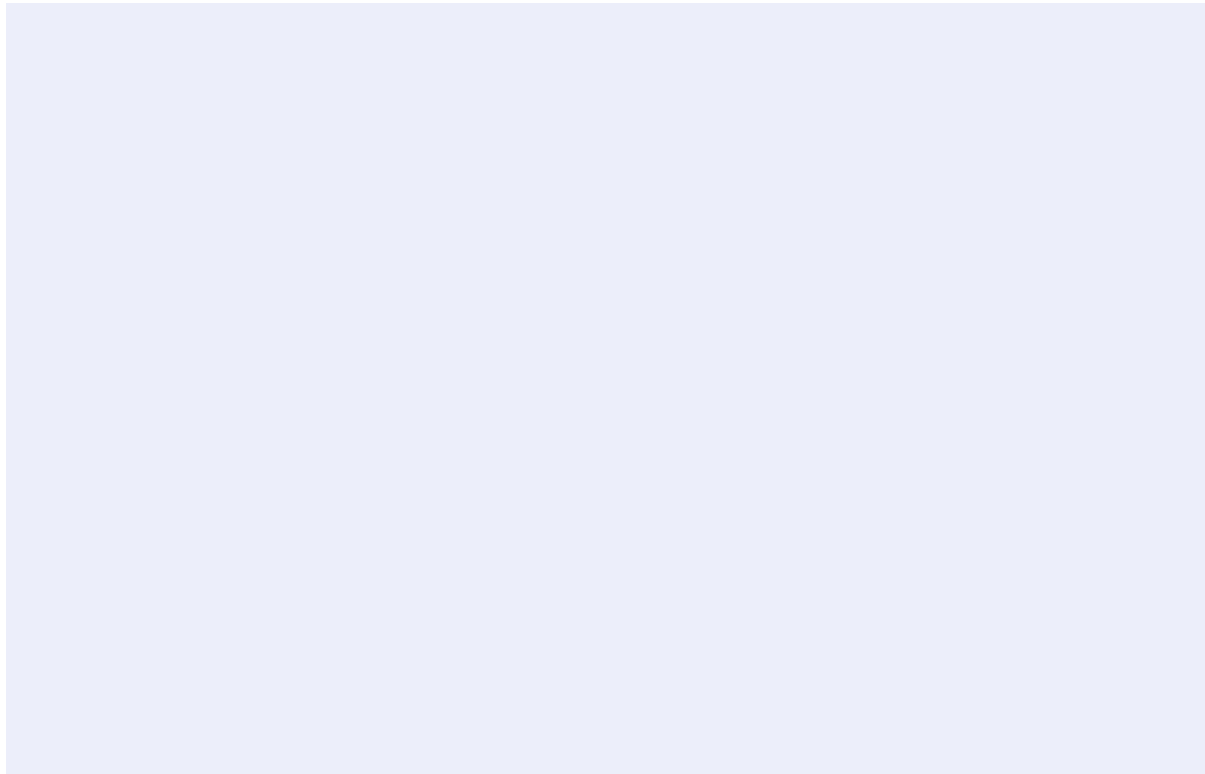




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			limbo without decisive Congressional action to resolve the issue. The current regime, in addition to having gray areas in LLCs and LLPs, provokes perpetual litigation between the IRS and S corporation owners over the appropriate size of management compensation packages relative to entity level profits. There is a clear tax incentive to tax profits rather than bonuses to reduce FICA taxes. But, since the IRS can reallocate profit to wages if management compensation is unreasonably low, and there are no clear standards governing what management should be paid, disputes are inevitable, the outcomes are unpredictable, and a general attitude of cynicism held by small business owners towards federal taxation, that leads to overall non-compliance across the board continues. This proposal would allow small business owners to spend less time thinking about ways to minimize their taxes (in consultation with professional advisors), and more time thinking about ways to run their business.
Harry	just me	Individual	Where can I see the results of what the public suggests?
Andrew Oh-Willeke	None	Individual	Propopsal: Draw the line between Forms 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040 differently, so that more people could use simpler forms. Every person who has only wage and salary income, and dividends, interest and mutual fund capital gain distribution income, who does not itemize deductions, should be able to use Form 1040EZ. Every person who has only wage and salary income, and dividends, interest and depreciation free capital gain income should be able to

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			use Form 1040A even if they itemize deductions. Limit the need to fill out the full fledged 1040 to those with income that has to be reported on Schedule C or K-1, or rental income, or foreign income, or similar issues. Reasoning: This change would make the tax form much simpler for a large number of taxpayers, reduce the volume of instructions that taxpayers need to read, and would also make the tax forms a better match for the current IRS organization which assigns people in the first two categories to the wage and salary division, but the other returns to a different division.
Andrew Oh-Willeke	None	Individual	Proposal: End the 7.5% of AGI floor for the medical expense deduction for itemizers. Reasoning: Health insurance for people who are not self-employed and don't have employer based health insurance is eligible for the medical expense deduction. This brings more uninsured people into the ranks of the insured. This can be achieved in other ways like a narrow flexible benefits plan, but requires employer cooperation. The benefit for non-health insurance expenses can be secured through an HSA or MSA. But, why force people to go through complicated hoops to get almost exactly what the medical expense itemized deduction provided before the 7.5% of AGI floor was established? The original justification for the 7.5% floor was to reduce the need for record keeping for itemizers who don't have major health care expenses. But, most itemizers keep track anyway to see if they are eligible

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			for the deduction by exceeding the floor, and the large numbers of HSAs and MSAs in use suggest that the tax benefit is worth the trouble for many taxpayers.
Peg Livingston	SELF	Individual	Tax reform? How about making EVERYONE pay their fair share of Social Security tax on ALL their income - including those who make OVER \$110,000 per year. To cut off the SS tax from those people is what is putting SS and Medicare and everything else involved about to go bankrupt!!!! Now - as for FORCING everyone to BUY health insurance - what about those of us who HAVE NO INCOME ??? HOW are we supposed to pay for health insurance or auto insurance or anything ELSE ??? Are we supposed to just lay down and DIE ?????????/ Guess that's what will happen.
Andrew Oh-Willeke	None	Individual	Proposal: Reclassify tip income as self-employment income of the tipped employee, rather than wage and salary income. Fiscal Impact: Taxes would not be increased for either employers or employees. Compliance costs for small businesses, who are most sensitive to tax compliance costs and often have limited access to tax professionals, would be significantly reduced. Penalty revenues would be reduced in an immaterial amount. The revenue impact in terms of collection rates would be mixed. Small businesses have the worst voluntary tax compliance rate of any type of taxpayer. While big businesses twist tax law, they rarely consciously decide to violate it. Removing a difficult compliance issue from the plate of small business

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people may reduce the percentage of cash tips that are reported from estimates made by small businesses, it may also encourage a culture of greater compliance.

Reasoning: From a practical perspective, employers are often in a poor position to monitor tip receipts. Inclusion of tips in wage and salary income exposes employers to serious liability for inaccurate W-2 reporting and withholding tax liability that is inappropriate in this context. Employers who collect tips on behalf of employees, for example, through credit card payment systems, would in this proposal, report those tips on a 1099 or similar information return (or as a separate item in an information return component of a W-2) rather than as part of a wage and salary income number. Employers of tipped employees whose tips were not treated as wage and salary income would also be more free to work collaboratively with the IRS to encourage compliance, rather than having a personal interest in covering up unreported tipped employee income. Precedents: The treatment of payments to members of a board of directors as self-employment income, and the common and frequently accepted practice of treating fees for weddings and similar services by clergy as self-employment income, even when the members of the clergy are employed by a church on a salary where the services are performed show that this approach would not be unprecedented.

Kyley Engle

Citizen of the US

Individual

some suggestions: \*flat tax rate with limited deductions.

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			<p>15-20% sounds reasonable *repeal the estate tax. this is all income that has already been taxed at least once.</p> <p>*everyone should pay something in taxes so that they feel they have a stake in the system. if people don't pay taxes, they do not understand what a burden they are and are more willing to apply them to others without understanding the consequences. *simplify the tax system so that an individual can read, understand, and complete an individual return without having to go to a tax specialist * lower the corporate tax rates. high corporate tax rates are disincentives to businesses to operate in the US, and the costs of such taxes are simply passed on to the consumer</p> <p>* apply the same tax penalty rules to all citizens. the fact that congressmen seem to have special rules apply to them is against everything this country was founded on all of these items would most like reduce the overall tax burden on citizens. this would allow more money to flow in the economy. if you are worried about a reduction in federal receipts, there is a simple answer: stop spending our money on stupid liberal programs that the federal government shouldn't be involved in anyways.</p>
Sam Huffman	Taxpayer	Individual	<p>SIMPLIFY! * Reduce or eliminate the vast majority of deductions. * Fewer tax brackets * Eliminate *all* special treatment for married couples. A married tax return should be effectively identical to two tax returns filed by single people * Read the proposals by President Bush's tax reform committee. Internalize them.</p>

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Thomas Heter	self	Individual	<a href="http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/taxreformpanel/">http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/taxreformpanel/</a> Tax labeling: All consumer products should be labeled to reveal all taxes included in the price.
Joseph Betz	US Citizen	Individual	The Fair Tax <a href="http://www.fairtax.org">http://www.fairtax.org</a>
Suzanne Ray	n/a	Individual	Please consider: Creating a special deduction for losses incurred while selling a house post-bubble. this would do a lot for the "common folk" who have pretty much been had by those with money and opportunity. just as we are taxed on the upside, we could use a ONE-TIME benefit on the downside as this was a bubble of historic dimension. what a boost in the arm and psyche this would be! i would include reasonable restrictions such as : only one use per family upon sale of a home, an automatic expiration on this (say 5-7 years or so or when prices have bounced back to a certain level), perhaps taking a percentage of the total assessed loss as a one-time deduction, linking the deduction to the recovery of housing (e.g, this can only be used if the loss on a home is over a certain percent of "bubble" value). etc. thanks! i realize this would result in quite a bit of lost tax revenue, but surely this would help the middle class taxpayer! huge points for the wonks and politicians who can this going.
Ian Nowland	Individual	Individual	As a hard working family man, I urge you to strongly consider the Fairtax for tax reform. While it is revenue neutral for the government, it is designed to be as consumer and business friendly, and so would provide an instant boon to the economy. It does this by closing

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instant boon to the economy. It does this by closing loopholes, simplifying the tax code, and applying taxes in as efficient a manner as possible - without monitoring every citizen and business' finances. While it does this, it also maintains the progressivism of the tax code, completely untaxing the poor, by sending each household a prebate check. Unfortunately, the Fairtax is very rarely taken seriously, because so many political movements are pie-in-the-sky ideals. The Fairtax is not. It is a serious proposal put together by serious economists, and constantly evaluated and scrutinized by as many people as possible in order to be refined into as realistic a law as possible. While the fairtax is a very serious proposal, many of its opponents (and it has many, as the Fairtax would largely reduce the lobbying industry) do everything they can to color it as some crazy notion. I could go on nearly endlessly about the positive effects the fairtax would have on the economy - largely because it eliminates taxes on income, both personal and business, entirely (instead applying them directly at time of consumption) - and could also explain nearly any question of how the effects of tiny details of the proposal work out, as I have studied the issue deeply, and looked at as many comparisons of similar details across the world and how they affect things, but I do not have enough space here to fully flesh out all of the details. Please go to <http://www.thefairtax.org> for more information on this proposed law, which has many

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			supporters, or email or call me with any questions for more information. While I am just starting my career in software engineering, I am aiming to be an entrepreneur, with several programs that I hope to be selling soon. Unfortunately, the current tax code dictates that I will not be starting my business in the United States. Please change this. While I think the Fairtax is the best solution to tax reform to fix not only this issue but many others, there are many lesser solutions that would still drastically improve the tax situation here. Thank you, Ian Nowland
Matthew Karas	United States	Individual	Hello, My idea for tax reform is to have a tax credit for living close to work. There should be a tax credit if you live within 10 miles of your work. This would lower commute times, save gas, and extend the life of our roads. Kind Regards, Matthew Karas
Christopher Hay	myself	Individual	Simplify taxes across the board and reduce compliance/enforcement costs. A flat tax on income across the board for individuals, organizations, businesses, etc. Set a minimum at which point taxes owed is 0 (poverty level or some percentage of) and keep the rate the same. Everyone owes the same portion of every dollar earned, and tax filing becomes 1 form. Set this flat rate reasonably low (5-15%) and the economic "crisis" comes to an end before the stimulus finishes paying out. I'm sure this will not make it to the table as it is anathema to the progressive ideology you will continue to pursue, however, history and logic dictate that a low flat tax would lower uncertainty in

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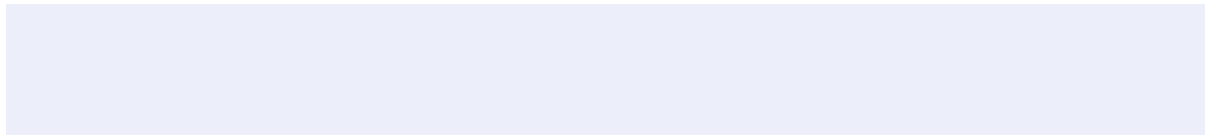




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			the marketplace and increase productivity by removing incentives to falsify records. Just so we are clear, this is an actual idea backed by economic theory, so when the President goes on TV to say that, like health care, no one is providing alternatives, we will all know he is lying. Respectfully and peacefully yours, Christopher Hay
Lee Lowrey	Private citizen	Individual	Institute a national flat tax for personal and corporate income.
Alvin Townsend Jr.	Individual	Individual	How about a flat tax - 10% or 15% or whatever - that applies equally to everyone without any deductions for anything at all? Simple, easy, totally fair.
Drew Gross	individual	Individual	As you are all well aware, Mr. Obama needs to dispense with his fantasy that more spending, a more robust social democratic safety net and (someday?) a balanced budget can all be financed from those making over \$250k and corporations. He is wasting your time as long as he sticks with that fantasy. Fortunately, his rhetoric has caught up with some of the prior written work of his econ advisers: it is now no longer a "tax" when a benefit is returned to the tax payer in kind. An insurance fine or a new VAT tax is not really a tax if it pays for healthcare. Carbon taxes through cap and trade aren't really taxes if the money is "invested" in areas that could benefit taxpayers. Slowly he is evolving from a message of "something for nothing" to "you'll pay more but you'll like what you get in return". Now that is a directive you can work with. As you know, there already is a social democratic model up and running

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that you can look to for ideas- Europe. Tax the working and middle class at 30 or 40% on what they earn plus 20% of what they spend (VAT) and raise gas prices to \$10 a gallon. Convince working and middle class voters that the benefits they receive will be well worth the extra taxes they will pay. Of course, the scary bit is that (looking at the UK in particular), even with cheap national healthcare and high taxes on everyone and everything, their fiscal situation looks worse than ours. So maybe we need to look at some other ideas, too. Here are the ideas I think that the US will need to implement to pay for the spending of the Bush and Obama years

- 1) Tax capital gains as ordinary income, including gains on houses.
- 2) eliminate the mortgage interest deduction- instead, provide each tax payer with up to a \$20,000 deduction that can be used for either interest expense, interest income, capital gains or capital losses (in other words, total all income from all sources, and then subtract any combination of interest expense, interest income, capital gains or capital losses until the subtraction from income reaches \$20k). In this way we reward savings as much as we do mortgage borrowing.
- 3) Eliminate the corporate income tax (as capital gains are now taxed at the shareholder level). Instead implement a gross receipts tax on US-based revenues with deductions for US-sourced compensation expenses and US-sourced inputs (cost of goods sold). This will have the effect of encouraging exports (as the VAT systems in Europe and Asia do) while

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Ronald Cullinan

None

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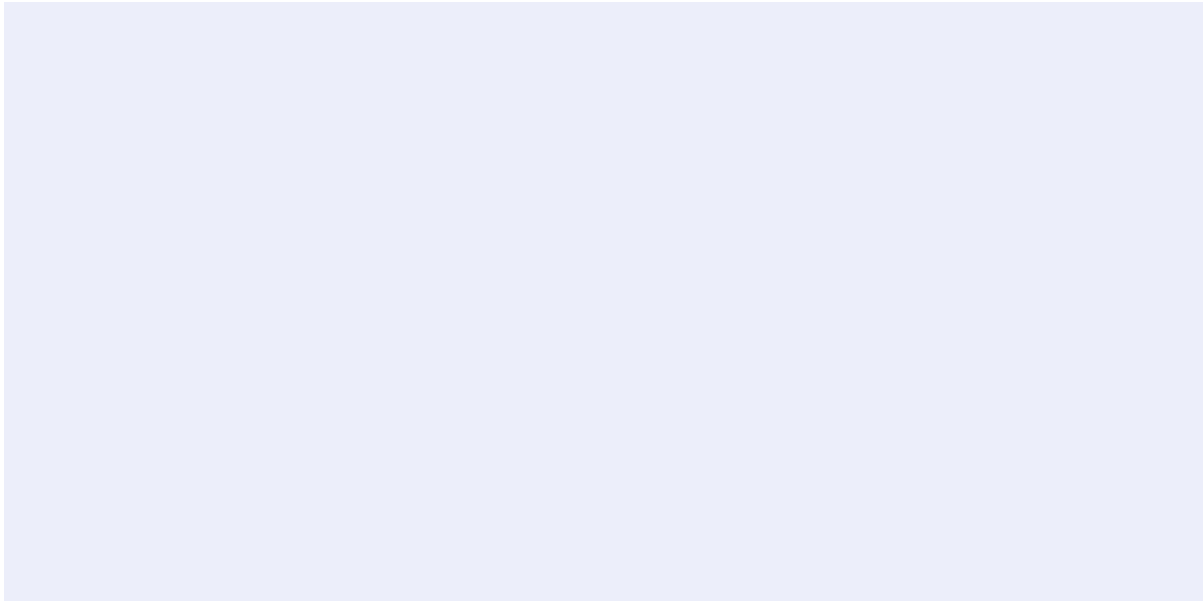
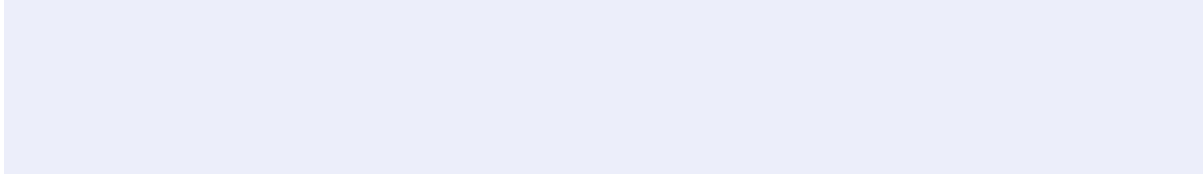
Please eliminate taxes on social security payments. It is absolutely unconscionable that the government takes BACK from retirees. If a few high dollar earners get away with less tax, so be it, they are taxed high enough already. But the vast majority of pensioners need every penny they get and taking money back in taxes is disgusting. The American Government should be ashamed of this egregious practice.

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Alexander Augustine	Student/Voter	Individual	1. Cut one porkbarrel item. 2. Fire one crony whose not qualified for the job you appointed him to. 3. Lower taxes on all classes and businesses proportionally. 4. Repeat steps 1-3 one hundred more times.
Logan Wilson	Citizen	Individual	Cut them. Cut them again. Across the board. Income, business, capital gains, etc. Unleash this economy. We can grow our way out of our deficits. Then flatten them. Simplify them. The consider a potential negative tax system to support a low but livable bottom income limit, and eliminate the administrative mess of welfare, benefits, etc.
Ryan M. David	Self	Individual	Personal Income Tax and Social Security Benefits - Here is an idea I've been thinking about for a while. As a young professional (31) I am mindful of the crunch that the social security program is going to feel when I am nearing retirement. My idea is to allow younger workers (under the age of 35) to opt into a program where one would continue to pay normally into the social security program until retirement but state that they would draw no benefits. In return they would pay no income tax on tax-deferred IRAs (i.e. 401 k) if withdrawn after age 59 1/2. It is a win-win situation in that the revenue stream of the social security program continues and the long-term obligations decrease. Those of us that would qualify for the program would benefit at retirement by having a decreased tax burden.
Pete Schiavo	Annoyed Taxpayer	Individual	-Eliminate all deductions except for the personal one. - Eliminate all tax credits. -Cut the number of tax brackets

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David

Walser

Individual

down to two. 15 percent under \$60k. 25 percent for \$60k+. -Eliminate the AMT. -Tax all employer benefits.

I am a CPA and a tax professional. If granted permission to make only ONE change to the nation's tax system, I'd make the following change: Have the federal government define taxable income and determine how a taxpayer's income is to be allocated among the states. Under my proposal, states would only be allowed to make certain specified changes to the federally defined income. For example, the state might choose to tax the interest paid on another jurisdiction's municipal bonds. Other these specified permissible departures from federally defined taxable income, the state would only be able to determine the tax rate to be applied (assuming it wishes to have an income tax). Many taxpayers are subject to tax in multiple jurisdictions. They might live in one state and work in another, or they might invest in a pass through entity that does business in several states. The rules the various states have adopted for measuring income and apportioning that income are contradictory and confusing. Preparing appropriate state returns can be very difficult because it requires learning a new set of rules for each state. Too much time and money is spent complying with the state's income tax laws. CPAs, enrolled agents, and other tax professionals may spend more time completing a client's various state returns than is spent preparing the federal return. One state may apportion income to it's state

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based on sales while another might use total payroll. For trusts, one state might feel it has the right to tax the trust's income if one of the trustees is resident of the state, while another state might choose to tax the same trust because one of the beneficiaries is a resident of that state. Despite all the time and effort to comply with each state's tax law, too often, the same dollar of income is subject to tax in two or more states. This system, as a result, is both inefficient and unfair.

Bill McConnell      none      Individual

Please remove the restriction on being able to contribute to an HSA once you reach age 65. Many people are having to work beyond age 65 and have earned income they could contribute. Medicare does not cover all medical costs. The logic of having this restriction escapes me.

David Aitken      none      Individual

Eliminate all corporate income taxes which will make the US more competitive and create more jobs.

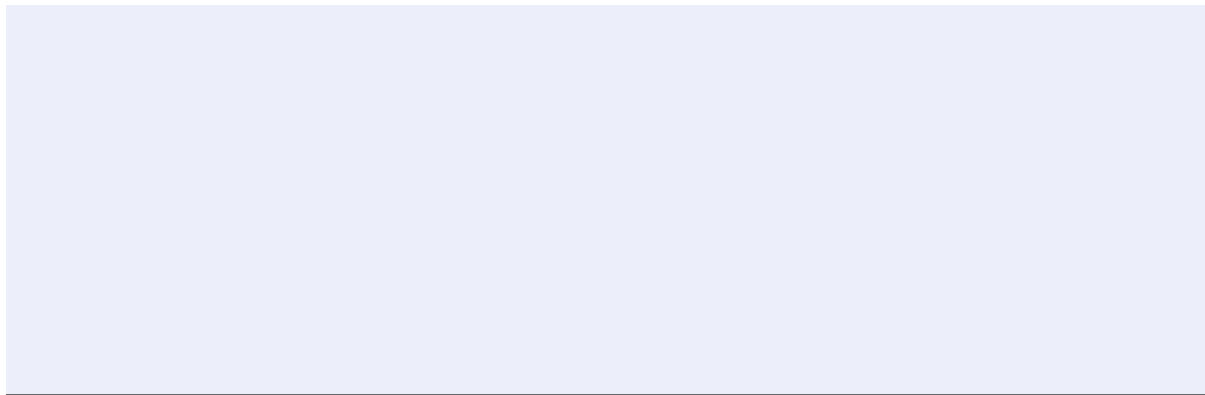
Matthew Stresing      None      Individual

Simple. Flat tax. EVERYONE pays their fair share in accordance with their income.

Me      None      Individual

Flat tax on all personal income, including investments, all at the same rate. One flat-rate "cost of living" deduction (some percentage of the poverty line, for instance - 150%, maybe) for each person (adult or child) included on the tax return. No other deductions of any kind at all. None. Zero. Nothing. Corporate tax? Um, why? Any profits the corporation makes will be taxed as personal income when the profits are passed to the stock-holders. No funny numbers, no books to cook. Tax the profits as standard

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			income WHEN THEY BECOME someone's income. Done. Majorly simplified, MUCH MUCH MUCH easier to enforce (nowhere to hide the money), still "regressive", and not likely to increase taxes for the vast majority of people making less than \$250,000 a year.
Scott Gailey	None	Individual	As the subcommittee addresses tax reform, please consider the following: It seems to me that there is a certain widespread confusion regarding President Obama's discussions as pertains to the repeal / expiration of the Bush tax act. My experience tells me that a constant reference to \$250,000 as the level at which taxes would be increased causes an unnecessary confusion resulting in an unfortunate backlash against a badly needed restoration of tax rates for the highest payers. In my mind, the confusion plays out as follows. Taxpayers at or above \$250,000 are made to feel that they are part of the "rich". However, they know they are not...and feel as if they are already paying at a very high rate (they are...probably at 30% or more), and so they push back, join TEA party rallies, vote GOP for reasons unclear, and generally put up roadblocks to this administration's reform efforts. The problem is, I think, that many of these upper middle income earners are encouraged to self identify as in the wealthy camp. If these folks were educated to understand that the true beneficiaries of the Bush act were not themselves, but instead taxpayers earning \$2.5 million to \$250 million, or more, (and generally paying taxes at only only 17 -20%), I

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feel that they would in fact support repeal of the Bush tax cuts, and be more supportive of this administration's efforts. I would ask this administration to focus less on \$250,000 as "the" number and focus more on the truly high income earners, as the folks who need to "step up" and pay a fair and level tax to support reform. Some will say that this is a "soak the rich" plea, or "socialism" ...but it is not either to ask the truly well off to pay at a rate only similar to the merely affluent. After all, taxes are the price one pays to live in a society that allows, if one chooses to and works hard, the accumulation of extreme wealth while avoiding the riot of the poor. The highest earners should be happy to pay at a rate of 25% or 30%. After all, they get to keep all the rest, and benefit much more than most to live in an economy and society that allows them to enjoy their wealth in clean, safe and healthy surroundings. Oh, and to the notion that increasing taxes on folks making millions per year will somehow stifle their efforts and reduce productivity and such ... nonsense. Even the economist, Arthur Laffer, father of the Laffer curve and "supply side" economics deems this untrue at tax rates on the "left side" of his infamous curve.

Mark Weinburg

Private Citizen

Individual

1. Eliminate all payroll taxes -- roll everything into one income tax. 2. Flat rate tax -- for all income earners no matter what. Every citizen and resident pays an equal share of their time in supporting the government. 3. All cash savings (bank accts, CD's, money market funds) are

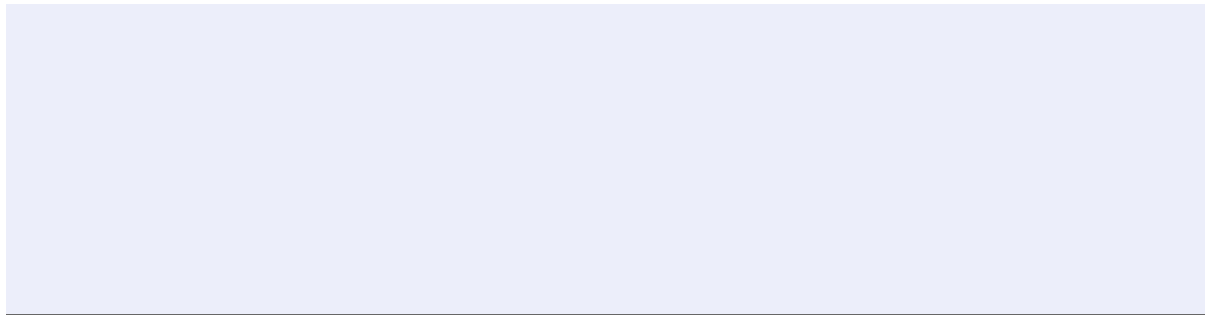
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			<p>tax deductible in the year made. All cash dis-savings are taxed at the flat rate. 4. All investments (legitimate investments in actual economic activities -- not paper or fictitious transactions -- which obviously requires additional definition) are also tax deductible. Proceeds received at liquidation is taxed at the flat rate but indexed for inflation back to original cost basis. Even if the indexed proceeds are less than the original cost they are taxed at the flat rate. 5. No other deductions. 6. Transfer payments or supplements are handled via vouchers such as food stamps. 7. Since a large portion of the working population does not pay any or any substantial federal tax, the system will have to be phased in over a 5 year period.</p> <p>Respectfully, Mark E. Weinburg</p>
Ronald Quinn	Myselft	Individual	<p>Fair Tax! A tax on consumption. The millions of dollars taken overseas will come back to our country when we do away with corporate income taxes. Will simplify the system beyond belief. It will take power away from the government and give it back to the individual who earned their money!</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
Jason Bontrager	Blinn College	Government	<p>Abolish all current federal taxes, including Social Security, Medicare, Corporate Income Taxes, etc. Require employers to give their "matching contributions" directly to their employees. Implement a 20% national sales tax on all retail purchases of goods and services, no exceptions. Impose import tariffs on all goods that are manufactured, grown or otherwise produced abroad, equivalent to the</p>

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			amount of government subsidization applied to said goods by the government of the exporting country. Monopsony purchasers who demand below market prices for American made goods (such as pharmaceuticals) on pain of copyright violation should be specially targeted for such tariffs. Abolish the minimum wage. Legalize marijuana and decriminalize the harder drugs. Do all this and tax revenues will soar, while new jobs will be both created and imported, and violent crime will decline.
Corey Friesen	myself	Individual	Level the playing field by making health insurance tax deductible for individuals, just as it is for corporations.
Leo E. Linbeck, Jr.	Americans For Fair Taxation	Non-profit Organization	The FairTax plan is a comprehensive proposal that replaces all federal income and payroll based taxes with an integrated approach including a progressive national retail sales tax, a prebate to ensure no American pays federal taxes on spending up to the poverty level, dollar-for-dollar federal revenue neutrality, and, through companion legislation, the repeal of the 16th Amendment. The FairTax Act (HR 25, S 296) is nonpartisan legislation. It abolishes all federal personal and corporate income taxes, gift, estate, capital gains, alternative minimum, Social Security, Medicare, and self-employment taxes and replaces them with one simple, visible, federal retail sales tax administered primarily by existing state sales tax authorities. The FairTax taxes us only on what we choose to spend on new goods or services, not on what we earn. The FairTax is a fair, efficient, transparent, and intelligent

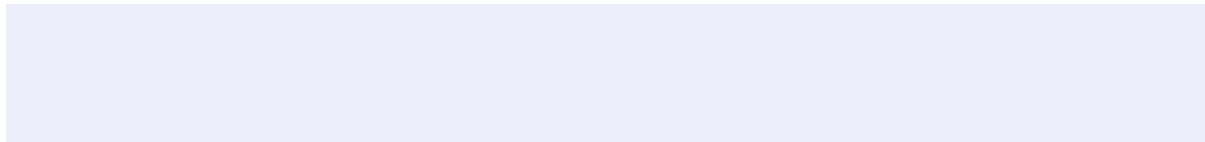
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			<p>solution to the frustration and inequity of our current tax system. The FairTax:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Enables workers to keep their entire paychecks</li> <li>* Enables retirees to keep their entire pensions</li> <li>* Refunds in advance the tax on purchases of basic necessities</li> <li>* Allows American products to compete fairly</li> <li>* Brings transparency and accountability to tax policy</li> <li>* Ensures Social Security and Medicare funding</li> <li>* Closes all loopholes and brings fairness to taxation</li> <li>* Abolishes the IRS</li> </ul>
Tyler Tuszynski	n/a	Individual	<p>To Whom It May Concern: I would love to see a serious and thoughtful debate/discussion on the pros and cons of the "Fair Tax". I hear many great things about it from proponents and the opposite from critics of the plan. I have researched as much as I can without utilizing the amazing resources of something as in depth as the CBO and have come to a personal conclusion that it is worth seriously looking into and having a serious debate about. If the "Fair Tax" proves to be too risky for America, I do believe we should seriously consider reducing Capital Gains taxes across the board but instituting a per trade tax on brokerages and traders. This will encourage investment, but we will be able to capture a tax per transaction instead of allowing wealth to build over time without ever realizing a tax. Respectfully, Tyler C. Tuszynski</p>
Rita Dukes	none	Individual	<p>How about an across the board flat tax. Make the rate 15-25% , whatever is fair. Then disallow ALL deductions. No more deductions for mortgages or any other loop hole.</p>

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			Extremely poor Americans, would be exempt. They would not be given earned tax credits or other complicated formula. An annual inflation adjusted base for a single or married couple or for a family of x number of kids would be stated at the beginning of each year so the poor would know the tax rate cutoff. This flat tax would be the Federal Tax. It would eliminate confusion, loopholes, fraud, and the government inclination to use the tax code for purposes for which it is not intended.
Michael A. Talbert	IRS - retired	Government	The path to simplification is repealing a lot of unnecessary IRC sections. Here is but a partial listing of sections to repeal: 1. IRC 1231 which will make IRC 1245 and 1250 unnecessary. 2. IRC 199 - lower the tax rate to compensate for elimination of this deduction. 3. All nonrefundable credits - IRC 21 through 30C with the exception of the IRC 27 foreign tax credit. 4. All Business Related credits - IRC 38 through 54, including the minimum tax credit. 5. Repeal the minimum tax - IRC 55 through 59. 6. Repeal the favorable tax rates for dividends and net long-term capital gains - IRC 1(h). Tax all income from labor and capital the same. This would make all sections dealing with the distinction between ordinary income and capital gains unnecessary. Compensate for this elimination by allowing all income to be AVERAGED under the old and now repealed rules of IRC 1301- through 1305. 7. Repeal IRC 2(b) - head of household. 8. Consolidate all education expenses in one deduction FOR AGI or above the line. 8.

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			<p>Simplify the depreciation rules by mandating straight-line depreciation for all depreciable assets and repeal IRC 179 and 280F. 9. Repeal 1031(a)(3) dealing with deferred exchanges 10. Repeal the IRC 408A Roth IRA and allow everyone to contribute to a deductible IRC 408 IRA regardless of plan participation.</p>
Jason Brown	None	Individual	<p>Two Ideas: Build a federally guaranteed credit re-financing service, that allows citizens to refinance their debt without being forced to enter a free market full of scammers and frauds. Second, waive the tax penalty for IRA early withdrawal for the past two years. Myself and several friends have all withdrawn IRAs to keep in our homes, or from defaulting on other credit. A tax penalty on top of such a desperate measure just seems punitive.</p>
Dean Jens	Fordham University	Individual	<p>There are a lot of complications in both the tax code and in the means-testing of various welfare programs, and some people get caught where making an extra \$2000 a year will cost them more than that in taxes and benefits. I think it would be worth putting in a "safety valve", allowing anyone to pay an extra \$1 in exchange for officially lowering their income by \$2. If a person has a chance to take a job paying an extra \$250 a month, but would lose a lot of AFDC etc. benefits, they would be able to pay \$125 a month to keep their old income tax liabilities and welfare benefits, and would keep the other \$125; no matter how badly we screw up phase-outs, the marginal tax rate would never exceed 50%. I would want state taxes included here</p>

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as well, which would require that they go along with it; some of the money collected from this program should go to the states. The other thing I'd like to add is that when people make payments under this program, that's a chance to highlight where phase-outs are too quick, or too many programs are phasing out at the same income levels; aside from the obvious virtue of a safety valve, it helps to highlight where it is needed, and may bring our attention to how we should make it less needed. (I'm also a big fan of cutting corporate tax loopholes, but harmonizing with the widespread practice of taxing profits earned in the United States by foreign companies but not those earned overseas by U.S. companies, with changes in the corporate tax rate to keep the whole shebang revenue neutral. I'm sure this involves more details on which experts will be consulted.)

Christopher Deck

Self Employed  
Accountant/Govern  
mental Auditor

Business

After completing numerous tax returns, I've come to the conclusion the EIC credit is a fantastic method to bring certain taxpayers to the poverty line and encourage employment through this 'negative tax'. The issue I see is how these payments are spent and what the credit is actually aimed to do. I've seen numerous times that the majority of those who receive this sometimes large credit do not spend as it was intended. I've often seen large unneeded purchases (TVs for example). The IRS/Government has no fiduciary duty or financial oversight in this particular capacity, but I would highly

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recommend structuring EIC credits payable above a certain threshold (ie. +1000) in multiple distributions. For example, a taxpayer is eligible for 4000 refundable tax credit via the EIC credit. I would allow for the first 1000 to be paid out immediately upon filing and the remainder be paid out quarterly or monthly. With these smaller payments being disbursed, it is my opinion that the disbursements would be better utilized for living expenses instead of large unnecessary purchases. This would result in more effectiveness of the intended legislation and better stewardship of taxpayer dollars to the beneficiaries of this credit. In order for those who receive this credit to obtain loans for needed large purchases (I've also often seen large refunds used for vehicle purchases), a payment schedule or payment booklet could be available for printing via the IRS's website. Also, if the payments could be assignable/transferrable (in lieu for an auto loan or downpayment). These suggested changes would have no overall impact on revenues or substantial added costs to fund the credit. It would place a small administrative burden on the IRS, but in my opinion, the increase in the effectiveness would far outweigh this cost.

Art

Freeman

Individual

I thought that it would be great if the top (top 10) individual and corporate tax payers could be recognized by the IRS commissioner and the president. The idea being that they made great contributions to the United States and deserve to be recognized. Of course, some may not want to be

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Anthony Perrone	I am a republican	Individual	<p>publicly recognized but in that case a nice letter from the IRS commissioner and president would be sufficient. Those who don't mind could be invited to the white house and be recognized publicly for their great contributions.</p> <p>Long Term Unemployment: Individuals who have paid taxes in excess of \$250.00 for the past five years who are unable to find full time employment due in part to the recession receive a 10-20 percent tax rebate from the past two years of taxes paid. This would only apply to those individuals who are seeking full time employment. The rebate would be capped at \$10,000 and would be drawn from the treasury. This would be targeted to impact the middle class taxpayer who has been hardest hit by the economic downturn. Do you want me to write the legislation?</p>
Trevor Jones	Citizen	Individual	<p>Any personal financial advisor will teach the same principal: have 3-6 months of cash on hand for emergencies. Because there is no tax incentive, few Americans heed the advice. Thus, too many fall into bankruptcy and foreclosure when unexpected financial emergencies arise. And when bankruptcies and foreclosures occur, it affects communities, banks (bad debt) and neighbors. We already have good incentives in place for retirement (IRA, 401k) and for health care expenses (FSA, HSA), but how many Americans have a "rainy day" fund of a few thousand dollars, or more? Very few. How about something simple like providing a tax</p>

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deduction for money deposited into a long-term bank CD (e.g., 24 or 36 months). This would encourage low- and middle-income earners to set aside money for rainy-day emergencies. Up to \$10,000 could be set aside each year, and the deduction could be phased out for those with income over \$150,000 or \$200,000. The funds would roll from year to year and could be tapped in certain cases: job loss, death of immediate family member, or for "qualified expenses" such as unreimbursed medical expenses, auto maintenance expenses, etc. Unused funds would be rolled into new CDs to maintain tax-free growth. If a CD is untouched for a period of 10 years, the taxpayer has the right to withdraw the funds tax free -- a reward for having the discipline to be prepared and have the money on hand. No penalty should be levied (taxes due) simply because an emergency did not occur. If more Americans had money saved and set aside, we wouldn't be so affected by medical emergencies, car accidents, job losses, etc. and driven into foreclosures and bankruptcies.

Chris Crago

Winston & Cashatt

Business

I am a tax attorney in Spokane, WA. Here are some initial thoughts. (1) Allow taxpayers to deduct 100% of credit card interest paid and phase out 80% (2011) and 50% (2012). Interest deduction should be limited to taxpayers who promptly pay monthly minimum balances to encourage payment and debt reduction. (2) Exempt taxpayers earning \$30,000 or less from the 7.65% payroll tax withholding requirements (FICA & Medicare). At

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\$30,000 a year, and employee would receive an additional \$2,295 of income for their portion of payroll taxes alone.

(3) Provide option to businesses with employees earning less than \$30,000, to pay the employee the 7.65% portion of payroll taxes (FICA & Medicare) to the employee as an addition to wages in lieu of payment to the Treasury. This would also provide an additional \$2,295 of annual income to the employee (total of \$4,590 annual increase). (4) Increase the withholding threshold of FICA employment tax from \$106,800 to \$120,000. (5) Provide corporate tax rate of 12.5% to businesses electing to pay payroll tax funds to employees earning less than \$30,000/year (see (3) above). Corporate rates would match Ireland's corporate tax rate and increase corporate productivity, employment, and profits. (6) Allow workers and self employed earning more than \$60,000 (aggregate) the option to elect a phase-in of private retirement accounts in lieu of payroll taxes using the following methodology: (a) Pre-2011, Social Security Tax 12.4%, Private Account Contribution 0%. (b) 2011-2012, Social Security Tax 7.4%, Private Account Contribution 5%. (c) 2012-2013, Social Security Tax 5.4%, Private Account Contribution 7%. (d) Post-2013, Social Security Tax 3.4%, Private Account Contribution 9%. The private account would act as an IRA for the worker, and a small portion would still be used to fund a disability insurance benefit. (7) Allow the student loan interest deduction to include private loans, and eliminate the gradual reduction

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Dan Newman

Self

Individual

Suggestion for Healthcare Reform TORT REFORM: Two Stories to support significant reform: Employee at The Lincoln Electric Company (Worldwide Leader in Welding Machines and Consumables) -Senior Vice President and General Counsel once stated, we spend over 25 million dollars per year to defend the company from product liability lawsuits. Do you how much we spend outside of the USâ€¦ZERO. IF THIS DOES NOT INDICATE A PROBLEM, I DONâ€™T KNOW WHAT DOES. -Law Firms actually syndicate (contribute cash and resources together go after large pockets/companies) for perceive issues to spread the risk out. Car Accident in Ohio: -I was involved in an accident in Ohio. No one was hurt or complained of any injuries at the accident. Four people tried to sue me. -I must have received 25 solicitations from Lawyers and Chiropractors to basically discover any and all injuries from the accident and pursue any and all legal remedies to compensate me for even â€œHidden Injuries.â€ Personal it made me sick. -Best solution to this problem for Medical Malpractice is to take the financial incentive out of the picture especially for frivolous lawsuits by: â€¢ Limiting what lawyers can receive from a claim (Use an excise tax to enforce this) â€¢ Put some type of limit on malpractice claims/caps on awards, or â€¢ Impose criminal/financial penalties for frivolous claims on the lawyers/chiropractors/doctors/claimants who use fraud to get a financial award â€¢ Suspend Medical licenses for

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multiple negligent malpractice cases in a period of time â€¢  
Suspend Law practice licenses for frivolous lawsuits on the  
lawyers and the claimants. â€¢ Jail â€¢ Instead of giving  
money to the Claimant and say you deal with this require  
the defendantâ€™s insurance company to pay for an  
insurance policy that will pay for the accident related  
injuries. If they canâ€™t work, the award should be an  
annuity to replace income of the individual until the person  
can get back to work, etc. â€¢ Put restraints on class action  
lawsuits or the Lawyerâ€™s Syndicating to go after large  
pockets. TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM HERE you really  
need to take the financial incentive out of the picture and  
make punishments for negligence (real basis for the  
claims, not to get rich) appropriate to the crime â€” jail,  
license, etc. Putting someone who does not exercise  
professional judgment properly in jail, revoking or  
suspending a license to practice medicine. MEDICAL  
PATENT TIME EXTENSION: Drug companies make a  
huge investments in R&D, it appropriately takes a long time  
to get the drugs through regulatory agencies to make sure  
that the drugs are safe. While this process takes a long  
time to make a commercially viable drug, the patent  
protection time ticks away. Solution: Concept is to allow  
them to recover their investment in the drug. Ideas to  
implement: -Allow an extension of patent protection  
provided they exhibit certain behaviors, i.e., profit margin is  
X %, or they provide drugs at X% margin to

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Don't forget whatever you do here will effect members of your family and relatives going forward! Please make the wisest decisions for all our citizens to have a strong and safe country.

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Michael Feeney	Marks Building Systems	Business	No cut off limit for SS Taxes, lower the % to 5% and reducted the % to 3% after earning exceed 300,000. Lowering the % will help the lower income. Lower the Corporate take rate and do away with the Sub-S classification.Start a FLAT tax. No deductions, just a flat tax for all income.
Midiala Lokpez	individual	Individual	Accordig to the US Census Bureau the US population is 307,541,702. If the US Government issues each person a check for a million dollars, that will definately be an automatic start up for the economy. It will also save BILLION AND BILLIONS of tax payers money. Foreclosures will stop because people would be able to pay their homes. People will buy cars, clothes, remodel homes, etc. Unemployment will not have to be paid because with a million dollars people would be able to survive many simply things in life. One perfect example is Bank of America. They received \$45 Billion to help their customers, but instead, they have purchased a bank in China, purchased Merryl Lynch, purchased Countrywide, and lets no forget all the excellent bonuses they have given out. So, what have we solved with this, absolutely nothing. We still have foreclosures left and right. People are suffering depression because they cannot buy simply things like food or pay medical bills. With less than \$45 billion dollars the economy would have taken care of itself, the Obama Adm. would have looked like heroes and we all would have been super happy to be able to buy an ice

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cream for our kids. Now that is what I call smart thinking. I trully don't understand how can so many people with PHD's get together in one room and they cannot come up with a logical solution to one simply problem, instead of wasting away tax payers money that is not helping the people at all. One million for each legal person would make only \$307,541,702.00 now that is saving money, fixing our economy ASAP and making many people happy again. Savings Banks, giving money to large companies, and unemployment money is not solving anything. Unemployment money cannot even pay the rent, 90% don't qualify for food stamps, and here in Miami we have 10.7 unemployment rate. Now what do think about my solution? The only thing that would qualify you for this money would be lagal us residence. Meaning US Citizens and legal residence ONLY. Elligal residence should not qualify. Also, this money should be tax free in order to provide full use of the 1 million dollars. It would all go back to the economy anyways. For example in my case my home is from 1969 and I have lots of things I need to upgrade. One of those things is my kitchen. So in hiring a carpenter I'm providing work for an individual and I'm purchasing appliance in a store. My husband and I have also been with one car for almost one yr. So I would contribute to the economy by purchasing him a small truck for his job. I would also save money and of course the bank will also be making money from me. I would probably invest some

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			<p>of the money or maybe go on a little vacation so I will be contributing to the economy in many ways. This would be for sure a way to start the economy. It would be great if this disicion can be played with or maybe even approved for next year. This idea is logical and it makes total sense for many people I have spoken to. The US is in major trouble because things are not getting better, and crime is getting worse. Crime will also deminish because people won't have the need to rob anyone else for money. They won't have the need to sell drugs or weapons to make a fast buck. A lot of things would take care of them selves with my idea and not to mention the savings of BILLIONS AND BILLIONS of dollars. The Obama Adm wants ideas, OK here is a great one!!!!</p>
Mike Kieffer	Resident of the US	Individual	<p>I think we should just make a flat tax. Remove all of the exceptions and crap and just make it a % of your salary no matter how much you make. And make the % the same for everyone. But then again, that would make one of the biggest industries go out of business. Namely the government created industry called the IRS.</p>
Joseph B. Hakim	Help Make Our World Better	Individual	<p>Thank you so much President Obama for your willingness to ask for the people's input on tax reform. I would ask for you to be open-minded - think outside the box. That is what I did when I analyzed our entire economic and government system. Think about our constitution, our forefathers and their ideas. I appreciate that you are asking for public input on this - the government is for the people, by the people</p>

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and I believe you understand that and embrace it. I am a graduate of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. A few years after graduation I began thinking a lot about our current tax system. Not only our tax system, but the entire economic and welfare system. I had previously taken classes in Systems Analysis and Design in college and I took it upon myself to think of the entire U.S. as a system and then to analyze it to make it more efficient with the goal of helping everyone in the U.S. while keeping our freedoms as well as helping those who need help. What I would like to submit is my idea. I would like to submit it for your critique and analysis and I believe it could help make the U.S. much better and eventually bring us out of debt as well as making the system more fair for all. In addition, it would simplify taxes and it would make accounting and taxation easier. However, since you are restricting it to NOT proposing a new tax system. I would urge you to strongly reconsider that, because I believe it is in yours and the United State's best interest do consider ANY proposals - and you can always reject any that you do not see as viable. I would ask that you please allow me to submit my ideas and not reject it simply because it may propose a new tax system. I truly believe you have to consider the U.S. as a WHOLE and consider everything that is involved with the flow of money - taxes, public assistance, government workers and how it all affects the entire economy and people. I am not submitted my proposal at this time, but would ask that you

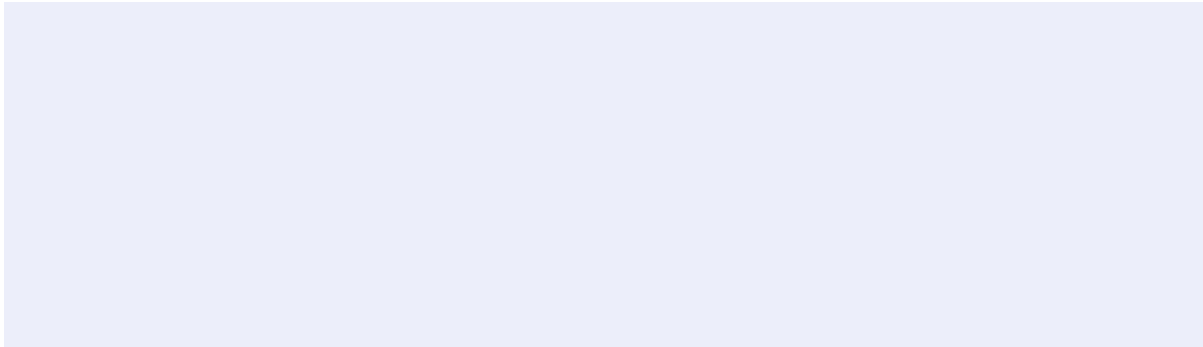
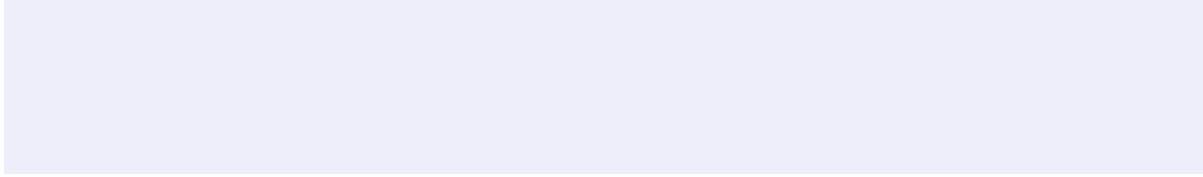
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			ease restrictions and allow the free exchange of ideas in order to encompass the big picture. Please contact me if you are willing to consider looking at my proposal in it's entirety. Thank you, Joseph B. Hakim
Anna Molnar	individual	Individual	Tax individual income of over \$2 Million per year at a tax rate of 75%. No one needs more than that to live very comfortably. Do not tax benefits for workers earning under \$250,000 per year. No itemized deductions for people earning over \$2 Million per year. The difference between the wealthy and the poor is increasing. We need more working middle class to spend and improve our economy.
Art Freeman	Art Freeman	Individual	Some ideas include 1. Exempt bank savings accounts from taxes to encourage more saving 2. Exempt unemployment income taxes to help those without a job 3. Use a simpler flatter tax code where there are very few deductions. Singapore exemplifies the idea of a simple flat tax. There tax returns are quite simple; add all your income, subtract a few deductions then apply a percentage. No lawyers, accountants, and complex software is needed.
Uva B Dolezal	NA artist / writer	Individual	The Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act, a United States federal financial statute law passed in 1980 - allowed institutions to charge any interest rates they chose. Please regulate this to help middle and lower class people keep their homes, and pay down their debts. The poorest "high risk" people are often charged the highest interest rates and in the case of mortgages, people are charged mortgage insurance in addition to the

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interest on the home loan. Returning power to the states to put a cap on all credit and loan interest legal to charge. And reinstating a Federal interest rate limit would instantly help millions of Americans. 2. Please increase taxes on interest income, and money made by buying and selling stocks. People who make their income by charging others interest are not being taxed for the money they "earn" at equivalent rates to those charged on working income paychecks. Please close as many loopholes on speculation and interest earned over \$250,000.00 as is legally possible and rewrite Regulation Q for 21st century banking. 3. Tax all overdraft & late fee profits. Fees collected by all bailed out banks should belong to the people. All banking income earned by banks bailed out who charge lower or middle class persons earning under \$250,000 an overdraft fee should be taxed so that all fee related profit automatically goes back to repaying the Federal government. Banks have earned record profit during this recession by increasing overdraft fees, raising interest and increasing minimum payments, all at the same time. This may seem to fall just outside of the jurisdiction of tax reform but, there needs to be a law something very simple that states, if a person has their paycheck auto deposited and their mortgage and utilities auto debited that the banks can not charge an overdraft fee for home related automatic transactions less than the paycheck for 5 business days. Federal money bailed out the banks, why should only those

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Venecia Rauls

Individual

Individual

Two suggestions: 1) Please simplify the wage withholding system. Typically the goal is to end up owing 0 at the end of the year. Some people prefer to have extra withheld, but no one wants to have too little and end up with a penalty. And, based on previous tax years, it's easy to estimate the dollar amount that I need withheld for each pay period. But can I simply have that amount withheld? No. Instead I need to navigate a byzantine system of deductions that frequently results in the wrong amount being taken out and doesn't reflect my personal situation. Since the IRS charges a penalty for owing too much, there's no incentive in making me navigate a secret code in order to guess what my withholding will be. If I want \$532.56 withheld, then you should allow me to simply specify that amount. 2) Why do I have to pay taxes on unemployment? That's just stupid. If I need unemployment it's because I'm... doh, unemployed. And since unemployment doesn't meet my (or most families) expenses, it also means I'm really poor right then. So I defer the taxes. But then, surprise, at the end of the year it bites me and puts me more behind. Employment isn't income -- it's welfare. Sure, welfare that I pay into directly, but hey we all pay for welfare programs through our taxes. So making people pay takes when they need help is just wrong. 3) I think it would be fascinating to allow people to specify where they'd like their taxes to go IF they could choose. Not that I'm saying you would allow choice, but wouldn't it be an interesting survey to say "if

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you could choose, which of the following government programs would you want to support with your taxes" include checkboxes for all the major sections of the budget (military spending, department of education, etc.). I think it would be highly educational to see what Americans are really interested in supporting -- compared to what we actually support.

Tony Lenzi      Self      Individual

I think federal income taxes should be adjusted for cost of living. Federal employees are compensated on top of the GS scale based on where they live because living in DC or NYC is more expensive than living in Mobile. Similarly, someone making \$100,000 in DC is living equivalently to someone earning \$50,000 in Pittsburgh. However, they're paying vastly different tax rates. This makes it harder on young professionals trying to save to buy a house or pay off college and graduate school loans. Virtually everything in the tax code is tied to the number of dependents you have and your income. Nothing takes into account the area in which you live. This is a huge problem that should be fixed.

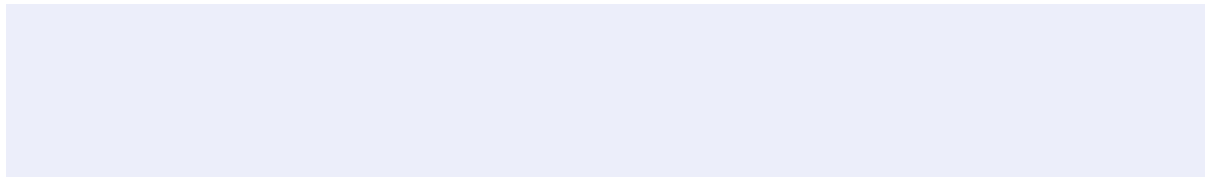
David Kaplan      Individual      Individual

Here's one vote for a Value Added Tax -- broad base, like New Zealand, is best. All processing can be electronic, which will dramatically improve compliance. See articles on the subject by Richard Ainsworth.

James Garcia      None      Individual

1. Taxes shouldn't be proportioned. Families (traditional with biological children) earning less than \$50,000 should not pay taxes. 2. Cut all tax breaks across the board. 3.

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Debra Weaver	Internal Revenue Service	Government	<p>All businesses/corporations/individuals earning over \$300,000 annually should be taxed at a rate no less than 20% and no greater than 35%. 4. Watch the economy flourish!</p> <p>Allow for student loan interest deduction to the total amount paid. Those paying mortgage interest take that interest for the duration of the loan. This encourages investment in houses. Many students paying interest on student loans will not be purchasing homes because of their student loan debt. Encourage both education and home ownership by allowing for the student loan interest to be deducted if not in full at least to a greater amount than is currently permissible. In this same vein the interest deduction for student loans should not be phased out based on income. Currently those in the middle income range of 55000 plus lose their deduction. This should be changed. Interest is deductible on homes and as a business deduction for the entire time the interest is paid. The current tax code discriminates against middle income folks who want to educate their children and themselves via student loans. In addition the current Schedule A of the 1040 does not permit a deduction for health care expenses unless it is greater than 2 percent of the individuals gross income, and then it is not a full deduction but rather a percentage based upon a calculation. Many middle income folks who itemize their deductions have never been able to take that deduction because their out of pocket expenses do not</p>
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exceed 2 percent of income (which to many people is quite a bit of money). In this age of health care reform, this change should be considered. Also, individuals may not currently roll over dollars from their flexcare health plans from year to year. (savings plans offered whereby employees have a dollar amount taken from their pre-tax income for health care expenses) are not. Essentially the current tax code discourages individuals from participating in such plans because if they do not estimate their health care needs for a given year correctly and are unable to spend the money in their flexcare account, they forfeit the funds and lose their money. I have no idea where this money goes, but it should either be returned to the individuals as taxable income or be rolled over into the next year for use then. The fact that people forfeit their money to God knows where is appalling. For many, who underestimate their annual expenses and who have a large balance at the end of the year - this money gets spent on unnecessary medical expenses just so the money is not forfeited. This does not make sense and truly discourages folks from attempting to be responsible. This program is different than the health care savings account by the way, but nevertheless the flex spending account provisions should be changed. Further more it is important that when changes are made to the tax code that they actually do benefit individuals. Currently, most changes to the tax code only APPEAR to help people as the calculations etc.

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that must be done usually reduce benefit to those who need it the most. For example the new 529 College Savings plans. The idea is fine and good however, i bad times people are not generally able to save money for college they are more concerned about saving their homes. Whoever writes this stuff needs to get a grip on how the average family lives, and then the tax code should reflect this consideration. Should you wish my assistance in writing code I'd be happy to help. It appears to me that the majority of procedures and regulations fail to take into consideration the fact that changes in one area effect other areas of the code. A more holisitic approach should be taken, and more concern given to possible unintended consequences. Thank you for considering these changes to the tax code. I apologize for the format of this message, and its length. Debra Weaver Esquire

Jeremy Brothers      Citizen      Individual

Scratch the bottom two marginal tax rates and implement a value added tax.

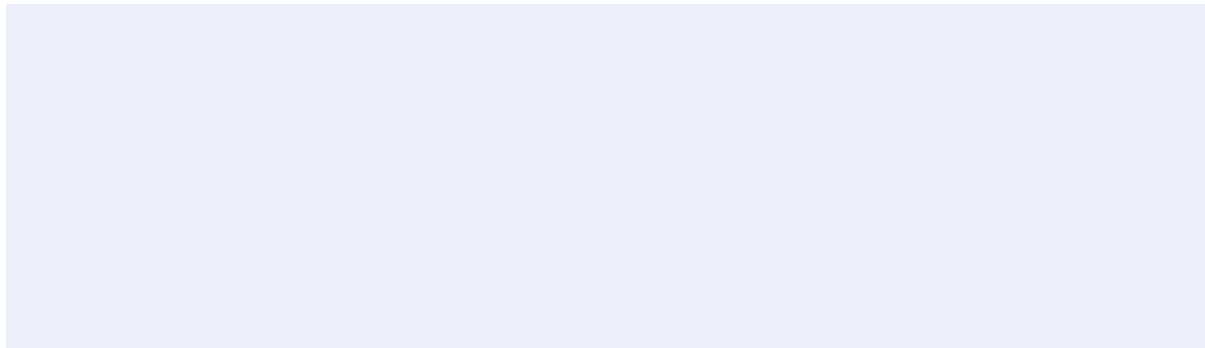
Daniel Bedford      Self      Individual

I feel that the retire or elderly grossing less than \$30,000 a year should receive tax breaks for medicines and healthcare. Businesses should receive tax credits for keeping jobs in America and creating jobs especially in the rural areas. Any payment for auxillary insurance or supplemental insurance should be tax deductible. Also home improvements should be tax deductible. It would add value to houses especially in a down economy.

Richard Phillips      INFRADANT LLC      Business

10% tax for everyone. No matter what the person or

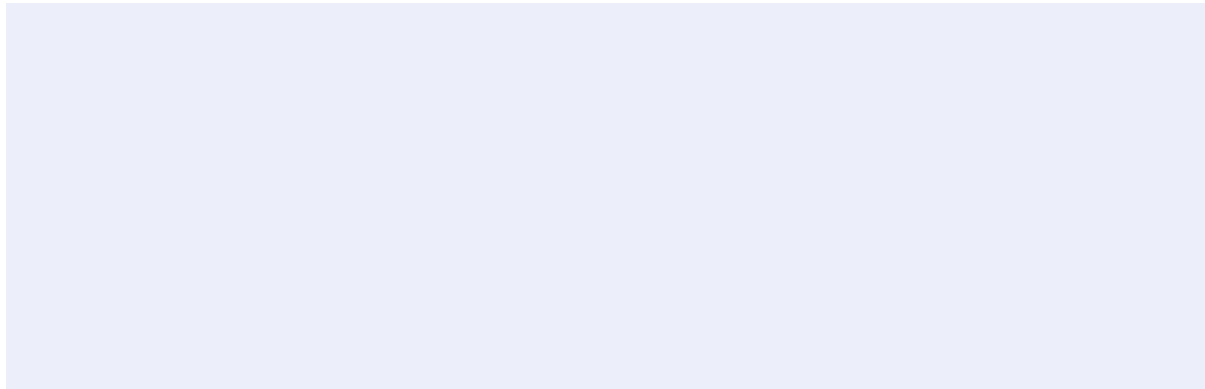
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John Wilson	Meredith College	Non-profit Organization	<p>company income is. Shut down the IRS NOW Stop giving our tax dollars to other countries. Take care of problems here in the US NOW.</p> <p>Do not include income from a part-time job on top of income from a full-time job. This puts the individual into a higher tax bracket and the taxes eat up much of the money from the 2nd job. Taxes should be levied only on ONE job @ 40 Hours per week. Anything from a 2nd source should not be taxable. Perhaps ane way to accomplish this is to include the money as income, but provide a "Part-time" worker exemption. An individual working two jobs could have 2 exemptions, rather than just one.</p>
Bill Laforme	none	Individual	<p>I think everyone who pays taxes in the 15 percent bracket should have it reduced to the 10 percent bracket for good. Then working, middle class people will benefit the most from tax reform while the wealthier I believe would technically get the same dollar amount of tax benefits since the first X number of dollars is supposedly taxed at 15 percent for everyone. Then the government should also do away with some deductions, both corporate and personal, to help simplify things and to address this huge deficit.</p>
David W Blakley III	Dr. Dave's IT Support, LLC	Individual	<p>For Individuals tax reform should include the elimination of the tax refund system to prevent fraud and greed by the government and the people. A simple structure that eliminates the need to file an annual return but instead simply uses the tax received from payroll as the filing. A simple rate based on the percentage of income for all</p>

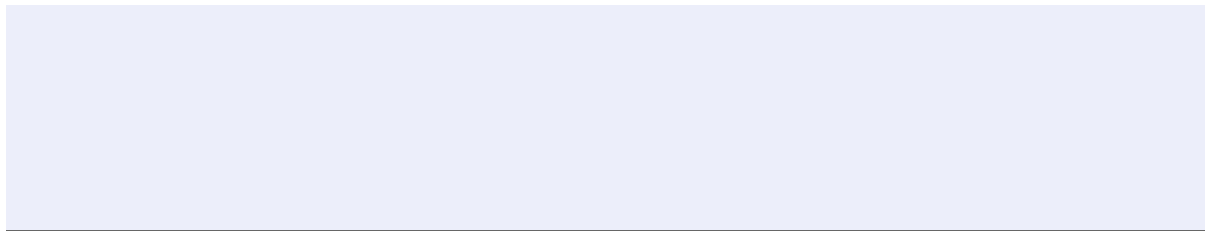
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			citizens. Foreign workers should pay a slightly higher percentage and cash payments for employment should not be allowed, only an electronic payment via the banking system tied to a SSN. For businesses there should be no tax on profits for the first 5 years to make sure that businesses succeed. For businesses in the first 5 years they would only pay fees on filings to get the business started. After the fifth year there would be a set percentage of tax based on profits and a credit to business that put people to work and pay their benefits. No long tax forms or credits just a simple amount to be paid every quarter. Simplicity will reduce fraud and corruption by business owners and government officials.
Anthony J Cardaropoli, Jr	Retired	Individual	I realize our gracious President's plate is most overflowing this year, but during his campaign promised that seniors making less than \$50,000.00 wouldn't have to pay any income tax. I make \$54,0000.00 so this would help me too. Out of high school in 1962 I spent 7 1/4 years in the US NAVY then the following 37 seven years in the private sector. The IRS viciously took and took from me all those long years. I feel in my declining years they should be put at bay as promised by our great new leader. Thank you.
Pete Koutoulas	None	Individual	It is time to adopt the Fair Tax ( <a href="http://www.fairtax.org">www.fairtax.org</a> ). Just like we need bold, decisive action on climate change and on health care, we need much more than a band-aid fix for the antiquated, overly-complex beast that has become our tax system in the U.S. The Fair Tax is a comprehensive

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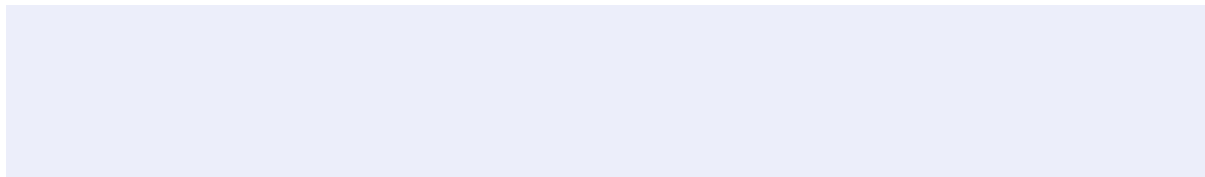




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			proposal that replaces all federal income and payroll based taxes with an integrated approach including a progressive national retail sales tax, a prebate to ensure no American pays federal taxes on spending up to the poverty level, dollar-for-dollar federal revenue replacement, and, through companion legislation, the repeal of the 16th Amendment. This nonpartisan legislation (HR 25/S 296) abolishes all federal personal and corporate income taxes, gift, estate, capital gains, alternative minimum, Social Security, Medicare, self-employment taxes and replaces them with one simple, visible, federal retail sales tax administered primarily by existing state sales tax authorities. The IRS is disbanded and defunded. The FairTax taxes us only on what we choose to spend on new goods or services, not on what we earn. The FairTax is a fair, efficient, transparent, and intelligent solution to the frustration and inequity of our current tax system. Thank you for asking for feedback. I hope you will consider this proposal.
Robert Hamden	None	Individual	FAIRTAX.ORG repeal the 16th Amendment and enact the FairTax The disappearing middle class will be forever grateful <a href="http://www.fairtax.org/site/PageServer">http://www.fairtax.org/site/PageServer</a>
tony hausner	self	Individual	keep taxes graduated, so wealthier pay more. Eliminate most deductions, including mortgage as that favors wealthier. Keep a few deductions that serve key policy goals.
Bev Mansell	individual	Individual	No one should loose their home because they can't pay property taxes. Everyone needs to live somewhere and if

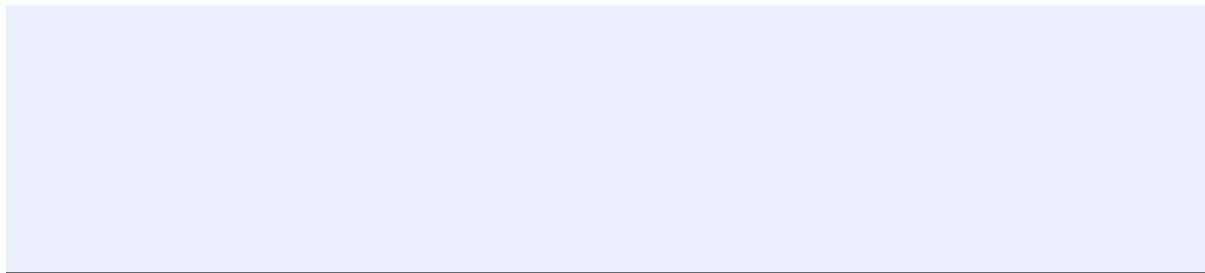
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Graham Roberson	none	Individual	<p>their home is paid for they shouldn't have to move and cause additional disruption in our society. No job, no health care and no home shouldn't be an option. It's hard enough to find food when you've lost everything.</p> <p>Sounds crazy to some, but we forgive 3rd world debt regularly. Why not determine a fair way to forgive Federal Student Loans for certain individuals who graduated and are employed. It would be like a stimulus check every month in the hands of a college educated person starting out their life. They will be buying durable manufactured goods, cars, homes, etc. This is something I have DREAMED of for awhile. I signed up for loans at age 18 with no real appreciation for the debt that will plague me for the rest of my life. It sounds like too much of a giveaway in the current debate perhaps, but the affects would stimulate the economy substantially. Do it for two years-forgive the payments or have the fed gov pay loan providers for that period. Maybe not exactly a tax deduction, but I saw the opportunity to share this idea and had to take it. Thanks for all your hard work and for reading this note! Graham Roberson</p>
thomas Feraios	citizen	Individual	<p>This time I will solve the social security crisis AND prevent republicans from EVER using the social security revenue from the masses to give the upper income a tax break. We have been the victims of reverse robinhoodism and all our attempts to put fairness into the system are labasted by the special interests as socialism. Social Security is a</p>

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productive tax for the government because it starts with the first dollar earned so everyone pays in. Let us be clear what Ronald reagan did to the tax base: he cut income tax in half and jacked up social security by 20% ([http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/taxfacts/Content/PDF/ssrate\\_historical.pdf](http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/taxfacts/Content/PDF/ssrate_historical.pdf)) in additon the maximum income taxable was increased, we talk about the latter mostly republicans screaming their taxes are going up (booo hoo) but we ignore that the tax was jacked up on the working class by 20% simultaneous to cutting income tax on the wealthy in half. The justification is that this was done for the long term survival of the program. Lets be real that tax didnt need to be at its current level until next year to have a balance of payments, but we've been paying it for over 25 years. This 'surplus' has been used repeatedly by republican interests to reduce the tax rate at the top and provide them with a false low rate ONLY possible because of the 100+B\$ surplus the program ran. To prevent them from ever doing this again we need to make this a variable rate. We should always run a small surplus but what was done over the last 25 years is a travesty to the working and middle class. CBO needs to determine the tax rates necessary to fund SS/medicare and the variablility needs to be capped to very small increments adjusted either monthly or quarterly. They turned a pay as you go program, that they didnt agree with from the start into a cash cow for the government, brought to you by the working class. So it

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			seems big government and high taxes are ok as long as the rich dont have to pay for it, please enlighten me if some other thing is true.... CBO needs to estimate the revenue necessary for a balance of payments 2 years in the future, and the variable rate changed very gradually to this end. This would eliminate a surplus/deficit situation. The change in the rate needs to be capped the surpuls/deficit needs to be capped and we must never use the retirement 'investment' of the masses to pay for a tax break for the top few % its disgusting, no one is talking about it and i want to hear open debate about about this abuse of the working/middle class.
Robert Smith	Self	Individual	Why make things any harder than they have to be- everyone gets taxed the same amount, be it 20% or whatever you consider. Fair to everyone, people who make more, pay more... but its the same percentage!
Heinrich O.E. Schmid	private US citizen	Individual	Tax reform must include a slowly progressive carbon tax at the source or borders and return of the receipts on an adult individual base to our citizen. Please review the suggestion of Dr. James Hansen, chief climatologist of GISS- NASA.
Jack L. Crain	Jack L. Crain, activist	Individual	Provid tax exemptions for start-up companies manufacturing vegetable oil from algae, low cost solar panels, wind turbines, water desalinization plants, electric car batteries, diesle generators for electrical power plants that use bio-diesle fuel only. Create tax for foods that contain high-fructose corn syrup, all political and religious groups other than "brick and mortar houses of worship.

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Bodie Pfost	home	Individual	Tax corporations at least the same as humans, if not more. End subsidies for ALL industries.
estelle buel	retired	Individual	The US needs the Fair Tax. When everything is taxed everyone pays something & no one is exempt & the paper work is simpler. Please do what is best for America & Americans. God bless you.
karl gilbert	unemployed	Individual	Get the IRS out of our personal lives! Substitute income tax with a national sales tax, value added tax, transaction tax or similar method. Once income tax is gone, economy will operate more naturally rather than by tax incentives. Grants or credits for certain preferential items or behavior could be issued in sales tax waivers or rebates. People could earn income without tax restraints or limits, buying only needs and wants and then paying the tax on those transactions.
Michael Kukreja	Self	Individual	The United States is the ONLY country in the world that globally taxes its citizens, regardless of residency. US Citizens whom live overseas suffer economic hardship compared to their fellow expatriate non-US Citizen colleagues through the double taxation. The double taxation discourages foreign employers and also foreign Subsidiaries of US companies from hiring Americans with better skillsets that Australians and British Citizens, whom are not subject to any global income tax reporting. Employers are discouraged as they feel they will need to pay a higher gross salary to assist the potential US employer in overcoming the hurdle rates/ cost of living

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adjustments that are in place in such cities as Hong Kong, Singapore, Shanghai, London and Tokyo. The US needs to lead by moral and ethical standards. US Citizens not a burden on the United States, not utilizing US or one of the 50 states services/ facilities/ ports/ roads etc and not permanently residing in the US for more than a set number of days per year (i.e. 3 months) should be exempt from paying US income tax. We live overseas. We pay the local tax for the services we use. We should be forced to live below the standards of our peers just because they carry a passport that is different than ours. We, the overseas American who works in the private sector is the nation's first and foremost frontline ambassador of United States to the world and its other nations. It is us whom have to bear the public backlash and burden of the decisions the American Government makes. We get the abuse. We take the blame. And in addition, we live poorer than our peers. If I and my 4 million other overseas Americans came home,, just to escape the double tax and utilize the services we currently pay for but don't use (i.e. Schools, Roads, Police etc) what type of burdendo you think we would be on the country? 4 million extra Americans. Approximately 50% of them needing to work. Another 2 million Unemployed. Think about it. And it is for all these hardships, you must remove global taxation. And you must do it now, before Senator Grassely forces us all to renounce our citizenships, or come home to be a burden

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Daniel Carrigg	University of Rhode Island	Government	<p>on the country (by increasing unemployment even more).</p> <p>Look at the difference between 1931 and 1932. Let it serve as a template. Capital gains should follow suit - taxes on short-term gains should be increased 5% above marginal income tax rate starting in bracket 5 - long term can remain constant. Look at <a href="http://www.taxfoundation.org/taxdata/show/151.htm">http://www.taxfoundation.org/taxdata/show/151.htm</a> for quick info on the 1931 1932 construction of additional brackets on the high-income end and rates. Further, calculate bracket by gross addition of capital gains and income - do not let hedge funds managers fly under the radar here.</p>
darrel e. smith	self	Individual	<p>Instead of tax reform, how about a plan to use people on permanent disability, that are able (review on a case to case basis). make them at least work 20 hours per month, doing community projects. {folding clothes at a nursing home, picking up litter, data entry, etc..} I do not mean to sound heartless, but I have known a lot of people, who get permanent disability, that go out and travel. (I knew an extremely obese lady, who claims she has "fibromyalgia" and now she has moved out of state, and has all the freedom in the world) I know other people who got on permanent disability, but they can go buy &amp; ride Harley -Davidsons. Instead of "tax Reform", how about the federal, State, &amp; local government case workers doing their job, and making sure that people, that can work a little, be made to help out the people that pay their way, the</p>

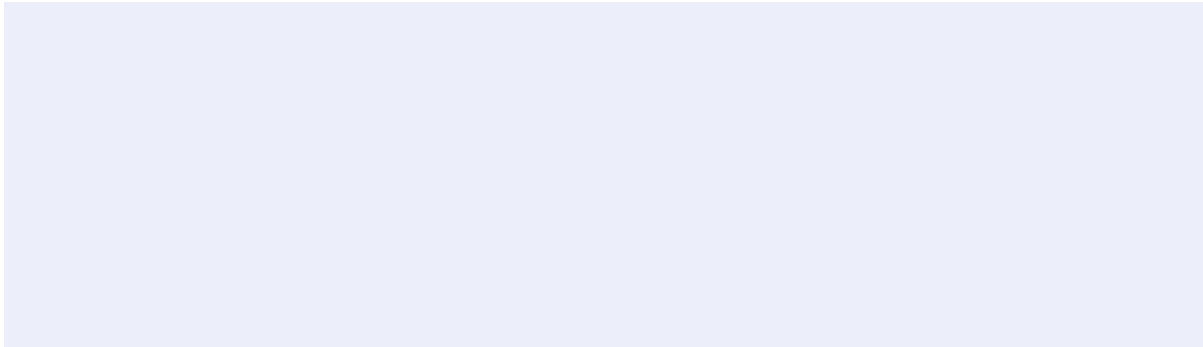
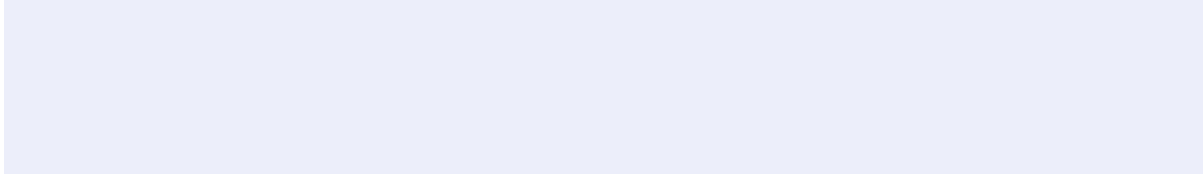
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			American Worker. (P.S. I am on short term diasability myself, due to a quadruple bypass in August 09, .I have worked at the same job for the last 10 years, and plan on going back on November 30) Thank You
Jonathan Geeting	Individual	Individual	Instead of having just the top tax bracket include everyone making above \$250,000, wouldn't it make sense to create multiple top tax brackets? Should someone making 250K be paying as much in taxes as someone making \$1 million? Or someone who makes \$10 million as much as someone who makes \$100 million? Why not create 5 new progressively higher tax brackets above 250K? Or allow small businesses to pay a much lower tax rate than a large corporation or medium-sized corporation in order to encourage entrepreneurship and keep big players from interfering with the tilt of the playing field itself.
Eric Pettingill	Mental Wellness Center	Business	I believe a fair tax to provide two benefits would be a federal tax on sugar pop, candy, fast food and junk food in general. Thus could raise money to assist those with limited resources in accessing health care and add a benefit of prevention to reduce obesity. Another consideration would be a progressive consumption tax on goods other than food. For instance, if someone buys a tv and it has a high cost the federal tax would be higher.
Richard Rakes	self	Individual	No health care reform. No cap and trade. Stop spending money on worthless home loans. If I have to play by the rules why don't guy guys up there start doing the same. Stop spending money the country doesn't have. Stop

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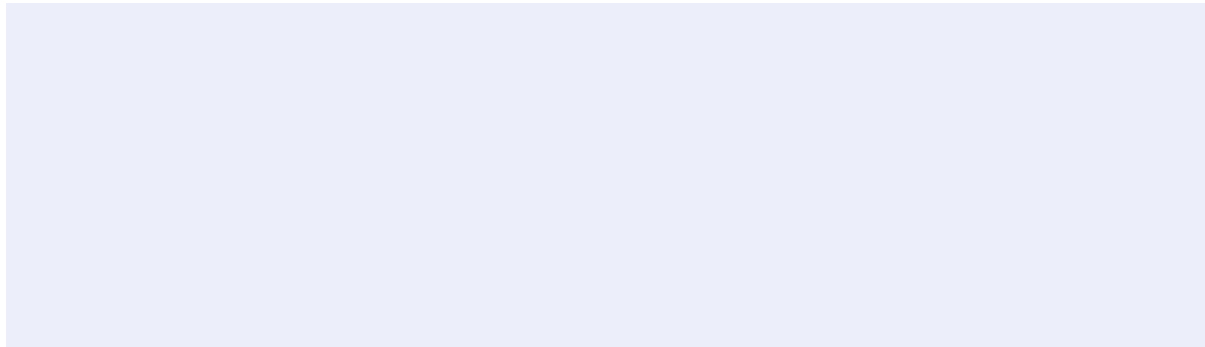




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tasha	personal opinion	Individual	<p>giving tax money to organizations like Tide, Apollo Alliance, and convicted weather underground founders in New York to lobby for ideas I don't support. That is so wrong.</p> <p>I think instead of constantly uping taxes, the welfare and unemployment systems need to be relooked at. From my point of view if people want help, they should have to work for it, if they did the states wouldn't be hurting so much. It would cut state costsand city costs, by having people getting help mowing highways, or other simple things that are costing over \$10 an hour for someone else to do.</p> <p>Please consider these options, it was what was intended when they first came about, and it should be the same way now.</p>
Andrea Garmon	Andrea Garmon	Individual	<p>Roth IRAs and Married Filing Separately status: - Currently, if your AGI is over 10,000 and you are married but file separate tax returns, you cannot contribute to a Roth. I would like to see that limit raised. Separate filers are not ALWAYS trying to hide money from the IRS. Furthermore even regular IRA contributions are not tax deductible if you file a separate tax return. A change in that law would be great.</p>
Lee Radlo	private citizen	Individual	<p>I strongly urge you to read the article by David Cay Johnston in the January/February issue of Mother Jones magazine.</p> <p><a href="http://www.motherjones.com/news/feature/2009/01/fiscal-therapy.html">http://www.motherjones.com/news/feature/2009/01/fiscal-therapy.html</a> In the article, entitled "Fiscal Therapy", Mr. Johnston spells out several ways existing regulations and</p>

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			<p>tax laws could be rewritten to make things far more fair for tax paying citizens and allow money to flow into our state and federal coffers. Besides the topics in that article, anything that would simplify the tax code so that it is even easier to fill out our tax forms and file our taxes would be much appreciated. Thank you for your service to our nation and for your attention to this very important matter.</p>
Randall Klopping	n/a	Individual	<p>Fix the disability side of Social Security so that we FINALLY get proper help, meaning a hand up not an inadequate hand-out. So that I can finish rebuilding my life and become a tax paying citizen rather than being eternally trapped in welfare! There are thousands of Americans with talents and abilities that with the proper help we could rejoin society and be contributors rather than a burden but leaders in Washington won't listen to what we need and keep wasting money trying to force their version of help down our throats. It is not help unless it works for our circumstances and abilities. Education is not a one size fits all solution!!!</p>
Jeremy Robb	Ordinary Citizen	Individual	<p>I would imagine that a flat tax for everyone would be the most fair and simple method of taxation. Imagine if everyone paid, say, 18% of their wages in taxes? No rebates, no returns, no targeting of any one group or showing favoritism for any organization or demographic, just a flat tax. It's fair, it's easy, and there are no complicated taxation rules to follow or try to understand. WOULD it really be that hard?</p>

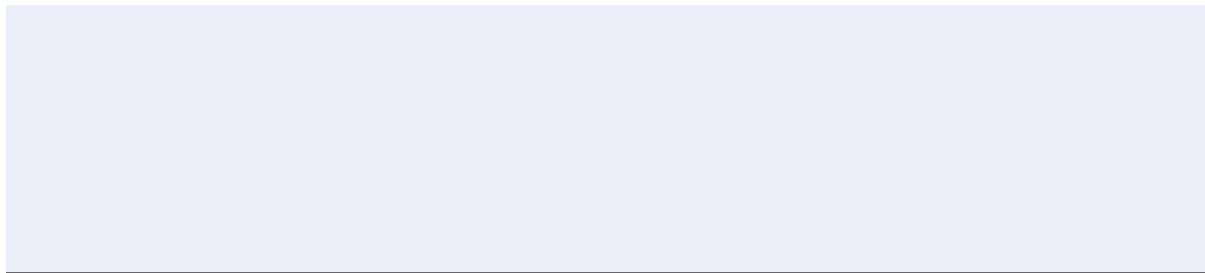
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Mike Jaeger	Families for Truth	Individual	<p>National Telephon - Budget Goals are set by congress and the White House. A Very Big 7 Day Telephon Extravaganza is set for April 1 -7 2010, "Freedom For America" , is stagged as an event to end taxes. The budget catagories are Revealed. Tax payers are told that if the telephon fundscan meet the budget... 2010 taxes are forgiven. If the funds are short taxes are reduced to cover only the shortfall. This will raise national moral 1000%. Sy Mike.</p>
Joseph Recob	na	Individual	<p>Dear PERAB, I'm a 58 y/o male union member technician for AT&amp;T. Taxes are a heavy burden to bear for a man whose wife is on disability. Tax reform should, in my opinion, include an increase in taxation of corporate conglomerates like AT&amp;T who is making billions in profits while decreasing it's benefits to the employees who enabled the corporation to make the profits it needed to purchase the other companies that made it a corporate conglomerate. It only seems right that people who are making millions of dollars in salaries are taxed more than the person who is making fifty to eighty thousand dollars per year. Thank you for your consideration, Joseph Recob</p>
Jack DeTate	Retired	Individual	<p>I think there should be a national investment tax from at least the following national interest industries on energy &amp; power, telecom, insurance, hedge funds, financial institutions, banks, consumer credit, water, These indusries are the beneficiaries of our economy and should fund it's cash flow stability by providing revenue to balance</p>

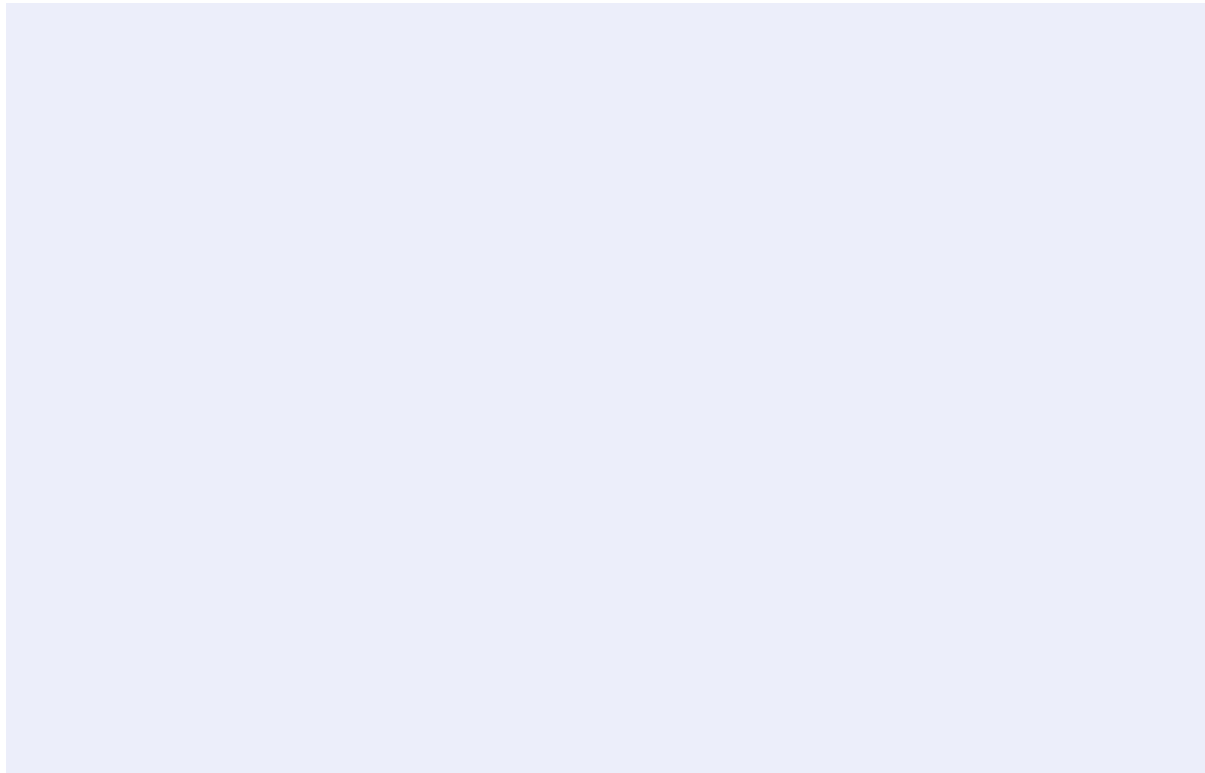
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			the budget. - I will follow with more input, but want to get you thinking about the drift
Mike Jaeger	Familles For America	Individual	- Integrity Starts at the Top - The truth is not above anyone. JFK - Bobby - Obama & Paul - They all want the truth to be our ruler. The "Sound of Music" - Dr. Ron Paul is telling the truth again. Today in congress he sang Doe Rae Me End The Fed Now
Abdel Ilah Al-Bakri	independent	Individual	When the President asks the Economic Recovery Advisory Board to develop options for tax reform, so this means that the economic recovery and nothing else is (and should be) the main purpose and objective behind the President' s request. well ! what is to do in order to achieve economic recovery by fiscal measures like tax instruments ? and what about the implications resulting therefrom on other economic indicators e.g.: inflation , full employment, growth ..etc and how to achieve and maintain economic recovery and economic equilibrium by tax reform at same time ? This is one of the main reasons why I urge and very much recommend that options and ideas on tax reform is and remains a matter of people with complete background on economic knowledge and broad overview on economic and non-economic interrelationships on both scientific and practical levels in order to respond to your appeal in this very heavy task and complicated issue of economic policy at time of economic downturn.
Eric Taney	None	Individual	

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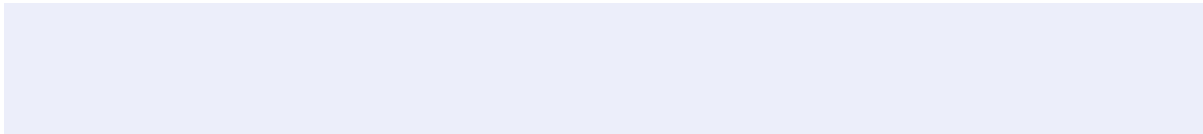
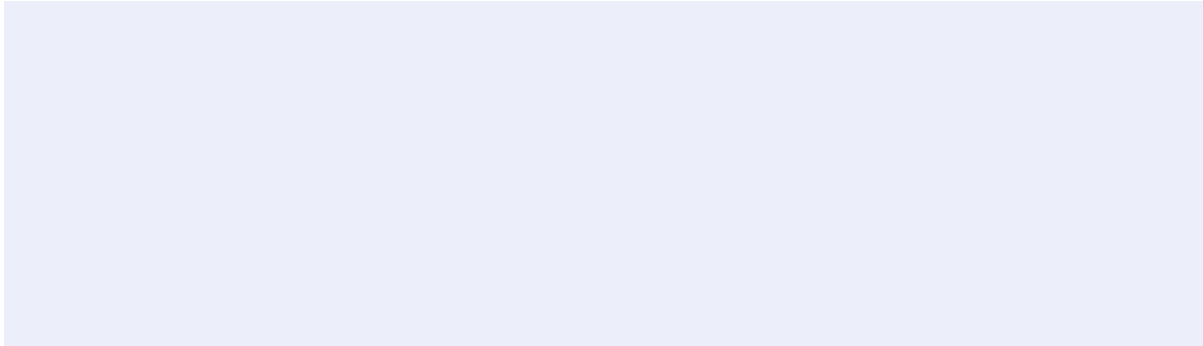




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Bryan G. Slot	Individual	Individual	Two principles 1. Treat all income the same to include social security taxes. None of this earned/unearned short term capital gans/long term capitals gains stuff. Maybe exceptions for state/ federal debt interest income. 2. For bussnesses, accept gaap accounting so that they do not have to keep two sets of books. Gets rid of the looking poor to Uncle Sam but rich to shareholders political problem.
J	Rowlings	Individual	Ending the taxation of income from savings is the most important reform for as it stands the IRS regulations bear no relationship to economic reality or the human condition. Just maintaining the records to attempt to calculate basis in many instances is a near impossibility for those who have built a portfolio with reinvestments over a lifetime. Moreover, a dollar gain on a thousand dollar investment after thirty years is in reality a staggering loss. Capital losses should be treated as a tax credit not merely a deduction with a \$3,000 annual cap. At least, the capital gains tax rate needs to be divided by the number of years the security was held. Better if capital losses were calculated based on opportunity losses from the highest historical price of the stock. Best if income from equity savings was not taxed at all.
John McMillion	Ordinary American	Individual	Everyone pays 15% income tax. Everyone. Businesses and individuals. No deductions, no exceptions, no complications. Boom. Done. Next?
Ed	Oceanside	Individual	0% tax rate. Reduce the tax law to 2 pages.

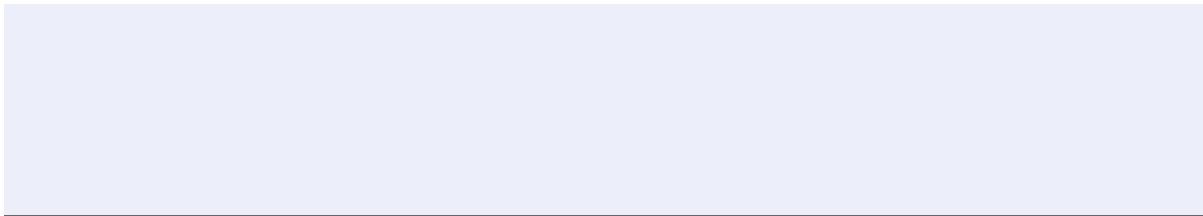
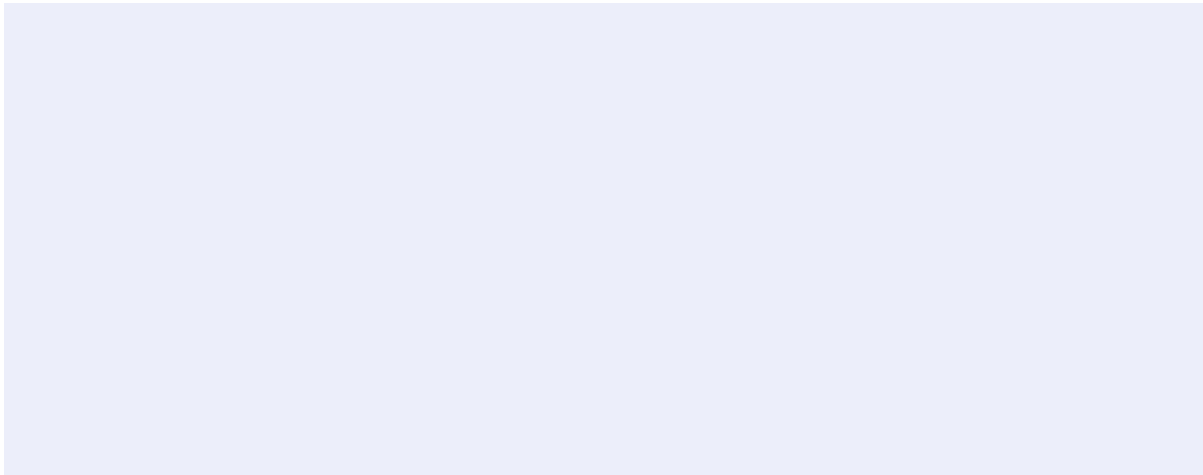
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Paul Larson	none	Individual	Please consider the fair tax. Sorry for not providing my email and phone number but given your track record so far... well, you know. Seriously though, I feel like our current administration is at least pretending to want to listen to the people. If there's even a shred of truth to that, PLEASE finally give the fair tax a fair consideration.
Steve Fairbanks	none	Business	I understand the goal of health care reform is to make available a basic level of health care to all citizens. That is a laudable goal. Many people enjoy health care benefits far in excess of a basic standard. None of those benefits are taxed at all. In essence, those lucky few receive compensation without taxation. That means the rest of us are subsidizing their health care benefits. That is a system devoid of fairness and fraught with abuse. Health care benefits above a basic standard must be taxed as compensation to create a fair and equitable system for all. No one can object to that.
Chris Barba	USA	Individual	Please consider ways to tax the specific populations that received tarp funds, I.e. Banks, and high net worth individuals. I would also strongly favor creating much higher marginal tax brackets beyond the current max.
Mark Ballard	None	Individual	You need to give serious consideration to a wealth tax. Taxing the income of the middle class provides a serious disincentive to work. However a fraction of a percent tax on wealth with a large exemption level is ultimately more fair and would encourage charitable giving. Naturally, you

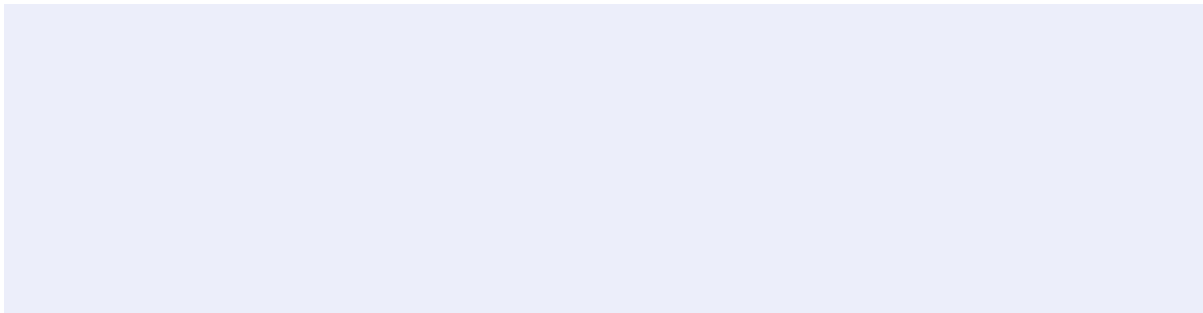
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			and would encourage charitable giving. Naturally, you cannot abolish the estate tax but would want to simply reform it to reflect the wealth tax.
Donald Alfera	AlfsDogs	Non-profit Organization	<p>I am trying desperatly to start a free service for disabled Vets. It is so hard to do as a result of the tax codes. Not only Federal, but even the Washington State laws make this so complicted and expensive. All I want to do is help, the paperwork is for people trained in that specific paperwork. Not the common person. I am only one person with the help of a handful of volunteers. We do small fundraisers only for specific goals directed at the purchase of equipment and supplies needed. Please consider a consumption tax and then I can pay as I go. I don't make money, I can absorb the tax burden much easier and understand it much better if it is based on my consumption instead of all the complicated codes and pitfalls of making mistakes. I am not a tax expert, I am only a disabled Vet trying to give back to my community. Please help me rather than putting more road blocks in my path. Please, consider the consumption tax program.</p>
Mike Vogelmann	AB Courier	Business	<p>You want real tax reform? You have to create a system that get's rid of ALL loopholes and makes NO judgments. You make X dollars in income, you are taxed that amount at Y%. The ONLY variable is how much income you received that year, no matter how it is received. Get rid of the deduction system as it is a pointless system that biases rich people who can afford tax experts to help them find</p>

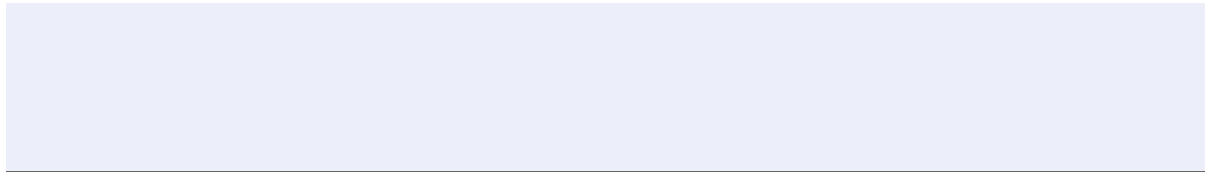
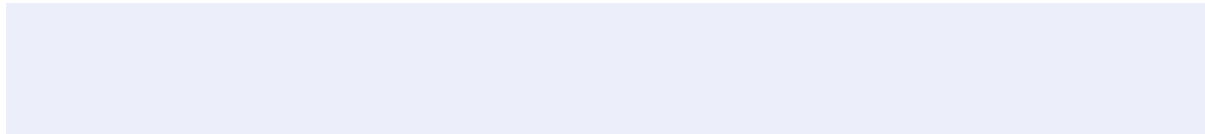
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			loopholes.
Inflation	Devaluation	Individual	Capital gains taxes on real estate should be at a hundred percent to pay for the mortgage bailout. Individuals should receive tax credits to equal their capital losses from the global meltdown. Capital losses should be calculated based on opportunity losses from the highest historical price. People earning less than \$50,000 shouldn't be taxed at all. Tax rates should go up for those between \$50,000 and \$250,000. Not raising tax rates to 75% on families making \$1,000,000 or more is criminal. Income taxes should eliminate all exemptions, deductions other than standard, and credits except for foreign taxes paid and capital/opportunity losses. Tax rates should be truly progressive running all the way up to one hundred percent of earned income over a million paid by a public corporation. Unearned income should not be taxed at all to increase our national savings rate by partially protecting investors from the ravages of currency devaluation.
Jess	Republican	Individual	A flat tax rate with exceptions for number of kids being supported and other deductables, proof of eligablilty needing to be provided of course.
David Laing	None	Individual	No option is NO OPTION! No bill that does not contain a strong public option is worth your signature.
Jonathan Harper	none	Individual	I propose that in opposition to raising or sustaining current tax levels on Americans that are working in legitimate business regardless of class, race, marital status, or income level, that the United States reduce income taxes

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income level, that the United States reduce income taxes and instead levy more significant taxes on punitive damage awards from litigation and out of court settlements. These punitive damages are a blight on America's collective character. The concept of awarding a large sum for non-actual damages feeds the greed and need for instant gratification that cause Americans to abuse the U.S. legal system. These abuses cause a low view and lessened respect for the judges that award such high sums for non tangible damages and for the Department of Justice as a whole. The rest of society bears the burdens of those who seek to reap rewards for damages above what the damage actually costs. Doctors have to charge more for care to cover high malpractice insurance premiums. Automakers, restaurants, retail chains and small business owners alike have to charge more for their goods and services to recoup losses or prepare for the event that they are sued for large "emotional" or punitive damages. The average everyday American is left holding the purse for those who believe they are owed \$1,000,000 for a spilled cup of coffee. Punitive damages are meant to punish the negligent, not line the pockets of the greedy opportunists. Please help the everyman. Levy more taxes on punitive damages and out of court settlements and lower the income taxes across the board for those who chose to earn our livings honestly.

Ted Baehr

Retired

Individual

Kill "to big to fail" with progressive corporate income tax rates. Go back to the preRegan tax rates for individuals.

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Indigent	Salvation Army	Non-profit Organization	Put back the tax on dividend income. Limit interest expense deduction for individuals to the minimum wage. Provide tax credit for entire maternity cost. Provide NOL carry forward for entire cost of medical education. Disallow charitable contributions for portion leaving the USA when spent.
			All income above one hundred thousand per annual or net worth over ten million would be taxed at one hundred percent. Those with a twenty five thousand or less income would owe no tax. The rest would pay a flat ten percent tax on their income above twenty five thousand but with tax credits given equal to their capital losses and foreign taxes paid. Said revenues will be payable to the Federal (1/3), State (1/3), County (1/3 or 1/6), and Municipal (1/6) governments.
William A. Burns	none	Individual	<a href="http://www.fairtax.org">www.fairtax.org</a> or, flat tax
Bradley Green	self	Individual	Dear Sirs and Madams, As a fairly conservative person who proudly and happily voted for President Obama, I am profoundly disappointed by the direction that his promises of openness and transparency have taken. This request for feedback is a great example of what is going wrong. Claiming to be open to feedback, but limiting the parameters of the problem to those that will guarantee a "liberal" solution, is a false openness, and a false bipartisanship. So here is my idea: a flat tax. Please proceed to ignore it per the direction of the administration. Brad

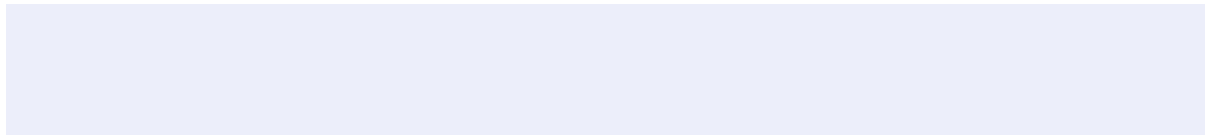
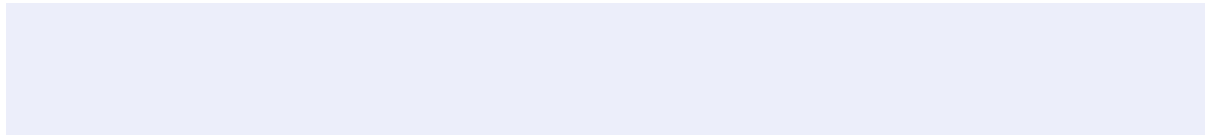
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Joy Sayler	Democrat from NV & MN	Individual	<p>Brad</p> <p>Removing incentives from non-green energy (oil, gas, coal) to profit excessively. Must remove tax breaks previously given to the most wealthy individuals. Also tax breaks for companies should be limited to job producing activities irectly related to economic recovery and improvement. A sales tax that would be negligible for low and middle income individuals while ensuring that those purchasing luxury items such as mansions, yachts and Rolls Royce vehicles would pay for the ability to do so in this country--a flat tax with few exemptions.</p>
jane gordon	self	Association	retire all the outmoded useless weapons, war planes and systems that are only kept around for the congresspeople who derive value from the \$\$ brought to their district.
David Horvath	none	Individual	<p>No one who makes 15,000 a year or less should pay federal income taxes. Let them keep the money to spend in the economy. Did you know that thousands of school support staff workers make less than 13,000 a year. Imagine the burden of federal income taxes on a yearly salary like that.</p>
Ann Bedingham	Individual	Individual	Pure and simple...FLAT TAX. Everyone would know the percentage and it would fairly affect everyone according to income.
Stormy Mongiello	The Inn of the Patriots Bed and Breakfast	Business	I feel anything we can do to move towards a flat tax or at least a more simplified tax code. Something as simple as staggered due dates for filing, giving everyone a bigger standard deduction rather than so many different rules and

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Rusty Taylor	San Juan Financial	Business	standard deduction rather than so many different rules and exceptions. Fewer tax brackets.
sheri karobonik	individual	Individual	<p>The plan that merits your full consideration is the "Fair Tax". Please take the time to understand it fully. Regards.</p> <p>Get rid of the tax credit and refund for those who don't earn enough to pay taxes. I think that in order to reudce stfire it should not be the rich vs. the poor. We are all Americans, we are all in this together. I really don't care if the tax rate starts at .05%, but everyone should pay something if they work. You can leave the social services in place, but we need to unfie as a nation, to have a common goal, to educated our chidren, to take care of the frail, and to maintain infrastructure. This can not be done by having people run around and say it is owed me. We have to create the kind of country in which we want to live. It takes everyone to make the country a better place.</p>
Jacqueline Driggers	none	Individual	<p>For one thing, the whole tax return process needs to be greatly simplified. It is way, way too complicated. And there are too many loopholes that those who know or can afford to hire someone who knows, can use to get out of paying taxes. In my opinion, the brunt of your taxes are paid by ordinary working families who need never dime and dollar that they can get their hands on. And forget not raising taxes for people who make under 250,000! Anyone who makes over 100,000 can afford to pay taxes unless they are just blowing and wasting their money. Try not raising taxes on those who make under \$100,000. That is</p>

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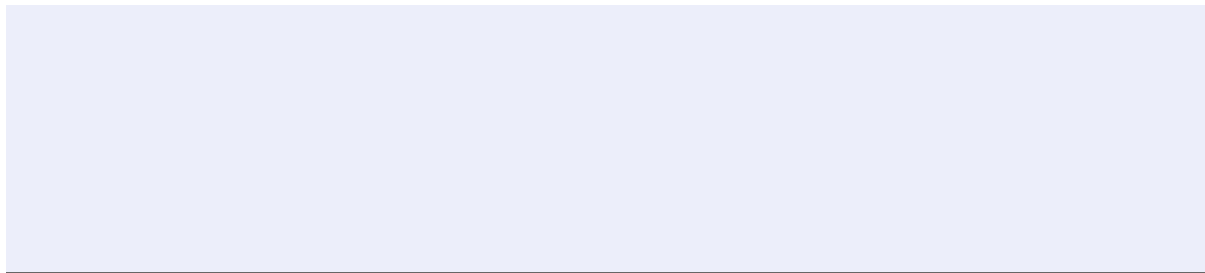




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Gary Maxwell	Self	Individual	<p>your magic dividing line. And how about some tax breaks and such for just couples? If you have kids, there are all kinds of tax breaks and credits and etc. and etc. But if you are just a no-kids couple like my husband and I, you don't get diddly-squat. Plus, you need to check out the tax burden levied on those classified as self-employed. When my husband was working as a pastor, he was classified as self-employed; and we had to set aside 25 percent of what he made to be sure we had enough to pay taxes. That is simply ridiculous!!! My sympathies are with you, because you have a mess to straighten out. But you have made a step in the right direction by letting the public voice their opinions. You need to publicize this opportunity more. I'll do my part by spreading the word.</p> <p>* Allow the Federal Estate Tax to be reinstated. * Eliminate foreign tax loopholes for individuals and corporations * Remove the annual cap on Social Security tax deductions for high income wage earners. * Restructure the AMT so that: - Paper gains on Incentive Stock Options are not subject to AMT - People can actually figure out how it works so they can plan for it. * Simplify, simplify, simplify!</p> <p>To whom it may concern: I don't claim to have much of a background in tax policy, but I always have wondered if a tax credit for new hires (could be tied to a minimum amount of time the employee needs to remain employed with that company), would be helpful in getting businesses small and large to begin to hire in a depressed economy,</p>
Jeremy Peters	Not Applicable	Individual	

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			lessening the risk of sitting on profit and actually incentivizing businesses to hire individuals. I don't claim to begin to know the resulting economics, but I feel like this could have a relatively net zero effect on tax income for the treasury, given that the new hires would hopefully be going from jobless, unemployed, or a lower paying job to one with more pay, resulting in not a tax increase on individuals, but increased income for the treasury resulting from people being employed rather than not, and people who are already employed hopefully taking jobs that pay them better. Again, I'm not backed by financial information here, but I've always wondered this. Not sending this on behalf of anyone or any organization, just my progressive self. Sincerely, Jeremy Peters
Joshua Smith	None	Individual	I'd like to see an increase in American Opportunity tax credits. For example, the annual cap per student is \$2,500. However, the College Board's 2008 report on higher education costs pegged the average public four-year institution tuition at \$6,585, and growing faster than the Consumer Price Index. While Pell Grants are extremely helpful, the 2009-10 school year maximum is \$5,250. This means, if you have an FAFSA EFC of 0 and you are a full-time student, you will receive \$7,750 in federal aid through tax credits and grants, just shy of \$1,200 of the cost of tuition alone. This doesn't take into account books, supplies, room, board, transportation, etc. It also, admittedly, does not take into account private, state,

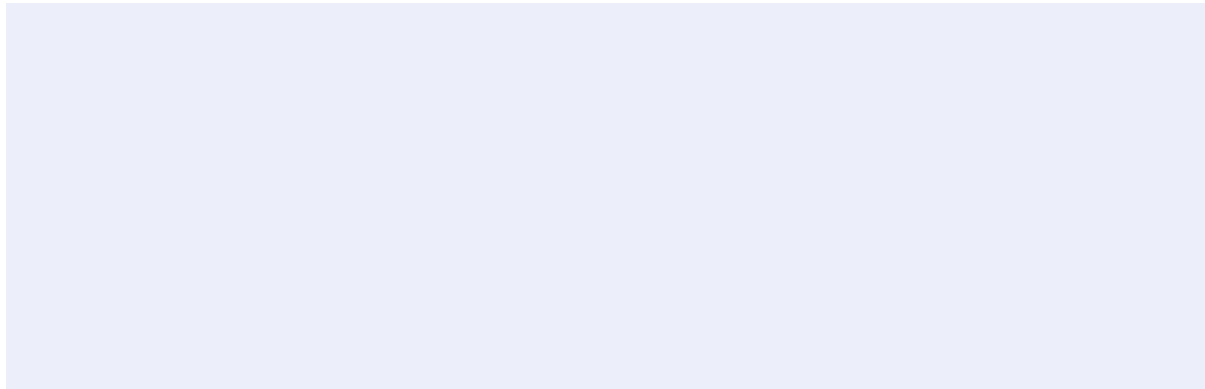
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			and institutional scholarships. However, we should make universal postsecondary education a national goal, and if we can use the tax code to do get closer to that goal, we should take advantage of that.
Allen Moore	none	Individual	PERAB should re-visit a flat tax system & eliminate tax loopholes. Individual income taxes as follows: 0% for individuals earning at or below Federal Poverty Guidelines; 13.5% for individuals earning up to \$100,000; 20% for individuals earning up to \$1 million; 25% for individuals earning over \$1 million. 15% for small businesses grossing up to \$1 million and 25% for all corporations grossing over \$1 million. Eliminate ALL deductions.
Jill	None	Individual	FLAT TAX for all companies and individuals. I hate paying more in taxes because I chose to be responsible and and am waiting til I am financially responsible enough to have kids. I hate the IRS and I cry every year that I have to do taxes as an Self Employed Young Contractor. Get rid of the IRS and save the people some money right now. Remember, the people need your help right now, not Companies. You already bailed those f*ckers out. Jill, 24, Utah
Joy	Not affiliated- just a taxpayer	Individual	Gentleman, the time has come to recognize the obvious...if you earn more money, you should pay more taxes!!! The current sliding scale is killing us poor fools that actually work for every penny. Why are the elite open to tax breaks? Please, stop rewarding the rich, and make them pay the same way those living at the poverty level do. I

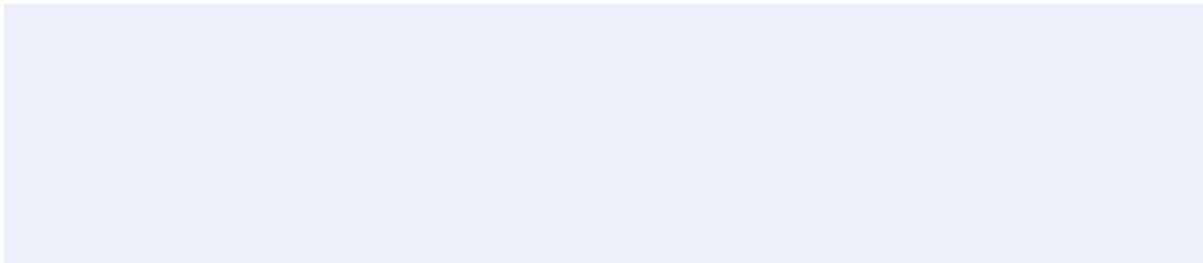
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			<p>know the concept is distasteful to elder statesman, but look in your own backyard....the homeless are the largest single population in Washington. For shame. Thanks for reading this, and good luck with a pretty solution to an ugly situation!</p>
Prescott Perez-Fox	Starship Design LLC	Business	<p>I believe that the tax structure is fundamentally upside down. The majority of our taxes should go to municipalities and counties, not to Washington. States, counties, and cities should "kick up" tax revenues, instead of having to beg for it back from Washington's massive pool. Every time money changes hands, it becomes less efficient; why not keep it where it ends up? This is especially severe for cities like New York, where tax revenues from the City help keep the entire state afloat. NYC having to beg Albany (and Washington) for funding shows a fundamental flaw in the system. I understand that this might create a more dramatic division between cities and states that can fund themselves, so we'll need to put in protections for that. But on the day-to-day level, we should keep more taxes local, and only send a trickle up stream.</p>
Jesse M. Eichner	JMEArtists.com	Business	<p>After researching The Fair Tax, I believe this is an invaluable tool to put America back on the road to prosperity. I would tell my representatives to please vote aye on The Fair Tax! In my financial position, I would love to see an extra \$400 a month on my paycheck. It would literally change my life.</p>
Peter	Self-Employed	Non-profit	<p>Make all members of Congress complete their own tax</p>

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		Organization	return with no help from a CPA. Then have them turn them in on 4/15/10 (not extensions) and be audited and have to show up at the audit in person until all issues are resolved. Then and only then do I believe real reform will happen as you've outlined above. Unfortunately, no one will actually implement this idea, but I appreciate the chance to share it...you never know.
Dianne Washington	Ordinary Citizen	Individual	How about exempting Black people from paying any taxes? A Black man in the US has no business paying taxes. My Ancestors have already paved and payed the way towards building this country without pay. It's about time something is given back to them, or at least their ancestors. We are taxed to death in everything and something has to give.
Matthew Eldridge	US Citizen	Individual	Let's go with a flat tax. It's only fair.
david nicholas kayal	self	Individual	Get rid of personal income tax. I feel that it violates my privacy. Let businesses and organizations be taxed and have open books -- not individuals!

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